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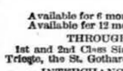

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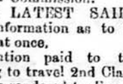

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By order of the Board,
H. CHALMERS,
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Bombay, 4th March, 1899.

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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 0m. Sun sets, 6h. 12m. High water, 10-25m., 10-41s. Low water, 4-12m., 4-40s.

Art Society's Exhibition, Town Hall.

B. V. R., annual inspection by the General Officer Commanding, Esplanade.

Bombay Extra Races.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club races.

Poor Boys' Seminary, annual meeting of donors and subscribers, Presidency Association Rooms, 5 p.m.

Wilson Philological Lecture, University Hall, 5-15p.m.

Sacred Concert, Colaba Church, 5-30 p.m.

Opening ceremony of the New Masonic Hall, Esplanade, by his Excellency Lord Sandhurst, 6 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre, Nellie Watson's Novelties, 9-30 p.m.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.—The Bishop of Bombay will preach in the Cathedral on Sunday evening.

PARSEE CYCLING CLUB.—Members meet at Sir R. Temple's Statue at 6-15 a.m., for a run to Sion and back, via Dharavi and Mahim Woods.

ETYMOLOGY OF THE NAMES OF CITIES.—A meeting of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was held last evening, Mr. K. G. Dasai presiding. Mr. Jivanji Jamsedji Modi read a paper relating to the etymology of the names of a few cities of Central and Western Asia.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA (AFGHAN MEMORIAL CHURCH).—We are requested to state that the Second Concert in this Church will commence punctually at 5-30, this evening, and that the gates will be open at 5 o'clock. No children will be admitted, and it is hoped that each person present will contribute at least the price of an ordinary concert ticket.

SERIOUS BURNING ACCIDENT.—Banee, a Hindu woman, aged twenty years, residing in the premises of the Scottish Orphanage, Mahim, was on the night of the 22nd instant, sleeping near a naked kerosine oil lamp, in her room, when her saree accidentally caught fire, and she was burnt all over her body. She was taken to the J. J. Hospital, where she has been detained.

ACCIDENT TO A BLIND WOMAN.—Mookhas, a mendicant woman, blind of both the eyes, was on Thursday morning, at 3 o'clock, walking along the wall of the Victoria Basin, when she accidentally fell into the basin. She was rescued by some people in the neighbourhood, and was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where she is being treated, as she has sustained injuries to her body.

MESSRS. MERRYWEATHER'S FIRE APPARATUS.—It is satisfactory to learn that the large business houses of Bombay are paying strict regard to the importance of procuring the most efficient fire protective apparatus for the safety of their premises, Messrs. Merryweather, of London, having recently been commissioned to send out a complete equipment for the protection of the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's new premises at Fort, Bombay.

EXTORTION BY A MUNICIPAL SUB-INSPECTOR.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Arthur Luxia, a Municipal Sub-Inspector, recently placed on plague duty, was again charged by Superintendent St. Nolan before Mr. P. H Dastur with receiving an illegal gratification and extortion. The facts of the case have already been reported. The Magistrate convicted the accused of extortion, and sentenced him to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

MUSIC AT THE ART EXHIBITION.—The following is the programme of music to be played at the Town Hall, Art Society's Exhibition, this afternoon, at 4-30:—

March	Greenerung and Nancy ..... Berger.
Overture	The Cliffs of Bagdad ..... Boisdieu.
Valse	Fantaisie ..... Coote.
Washington Post	J. P. Souza.
Selection	La Favorite ..... Donizetti.
Polka	P. and O. ..... Bucalossi.
Valse	Donau Wellen ..... Ivanovici.
Galop	Whirlpool ..... Musson.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

ENDANGERING PUBLIC SAFETY.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Jaku Sheikh Memon was prosecuted by Mr. N. H. Katrak, Superintendent of Streets and Buildings, for neglecting to comply with a notice requiring him under section 354 of the B mbay Municipal Act to pull down certain structures erected by him about the house No. 1512, in Bhendy Bazar. The case for the prosecution was that the house was in a dangerous condition, and the accused was asked to repair it within three days, but he failed to carry out the order for nearly two months, and thereby endangered public safety. The accused stated in his defence that he could not find labourers to do the required work. The Magistrate held the accused guilty of gross negligence and fined him Rs. 50.

FATALLY INJURED BY FALLING OFF A TREE.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the Coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, regarding the death of John Antonio, a native Christian, aged about thirty years. The deceased was a labourer, and resided at Mahim. On the 27th December last, he went up a cocoanut tree, to pluck some cocoanuts, when his hands slipped, and he fell on to the ground, injuring his spine. In the 31st December he was removed by his friends to the J. J. Hospital, where he was admitted. He continued to grow weaker and weaker, and on the 15th instant an operation was performed, at which one of the bones of the spine was discovered to have been fractured and pressing upon the spinal cord. His condition did not improve, and he died on Thursday. A verdict of accidental death from fracture of the spine was returned by the jury.

A DISHONEST MEHTA.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Dhaya Jetha, a mehta in the service of Messrs. Hassan Haji Joosab and Co., was charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of three sums of Rs. 500 each belonging to his masters. Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin, barrister-at-law, prosecuted. The case for the prosecution was that the accused was in the habit of collecting outstandings, and in this capacity he managed to appropriate on different occasions sums of money aggregating Rs. 3,000. Subsequently he went to Surat on the occasion of the celebrating his marriage, but on the fraud being discovered by the complainants, he was arrested on a warrant and brought down to Bombay. The accused pleaded guilty to the three charges laid against him, and said that he lost the money in speculation. The Magistrate convicted and sentenced him to an aggregate term of eighteen months' hard labour, and a fine of Rs. 1,500, or in default to a further term of nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

FATAL COLLAPSE OF A WALL.—On Wednesday morning, the whole of the western wall of a house, belonging to one Abdool Rahiman Noorally Mahomed, at Mamowadia Road, came down with a crash, burying one Ismail Ahmed under the debris. When the police and the municipal people went to make enquiries, the owner informed them that no one had been injured by the accident. On the following morning the municipal ward inspector told the owner that he had been informed that a man had been buried under the debris of the fallen wall. The heap of rubbish was then removed, and the body of the deceased was found buried under it. Mr. Allan F. Turner, the Coroner, held an inquiry on view of the body of the deceased. The owner stated that he had the wall examined on Tuesday last, as it was out of plumb. The mistry who examined the wall, ordered a scaffolding to be put up. This was done on the following day. On Wednesday morning, the owner, while asleep in his room, heard a crash, and on going out on to the road, he noticed that the western portion as well as the eastern wall of the adjoining house had fallen down. There were tenants in the house, but none of them were injured. The superintendent of the ward in his evidence before the Coroner stated that in his opinion the wall fell on account of old age. The house must have been built about fifty years ago. No report had been made about the wall, and no application to rebuild had been sent in. It was not necessary to obtain sanction to pull down a wall. The Jury on the evidence brought in a verdict of accidental death.

DANGEROUS FREAKS OF A HINDU ASCETIC.

BEFORE Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Inspector Mayers charged Bahoo, a Hindu ascetic, with causing hurt to Abdul Hyderali, a policeman attached to G Division. It was stated in evidence that the accused had been in the habit of annoying people by pelting stones and taking away their things. The accused being a sadhu (ascetic) they put up with his conduct for some time, but as he continued to be more troublesome, a complaint was made to the police. On the 17th instant, the complainant, who is a policeman, went up to the accused sadhu, and questioned him as to why he had been troubling the people. The accused, without saying a word, took up his tridant and stabbed the sepoy on the shoulder, inflicting a wound thereon. The accused then appeared to be under the influence of ganja. He was taken into custody, and on the following day placed before the Magistrate. He then appeared to be insane, and made signs implying that the police struck him all over his body, which, however, bore no marks of violence. The Magistrate remanded the case, and ordered the accused to be sent to the police surgeon for examination. The police surgeon, in his report to the Magistrate, stated that the accused was rational and addicted to the use of ganja. On the case being called on yesterday for disposal, the Magistrate informed the accused that the police surgeon had reported him to be rational. The accused in his defence said that the police first abused and struck him, and he in self-defence struck the policeman. The Magistrate sentenced him to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle & Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Western and Esplanade	7	2	9
B Mandvi, Chakla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	20	11	46
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	30	6	25
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty and Walkeshwar and Malabarhill	46	15	35
E Mazagon, Jarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	66	23	72
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	19	14	28
G Mahim and Worli	19	11	24
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-resident and Unknown.	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	72	77
Total	207	154	313
Total plague deaths to date...	41,037	36,103	
Same date, last year 1898	114	156	303

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE FULTON and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RUSSELL.

THE MUNICIPALITY AND THEIR CONTRACTORS.

THOMAS A. HULKLEY AND ANOTHER VS. THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

THEIR lordships delivered judgment on the reference of accounts to the Commissioners in the above suit, in which judgment was given some time ago by the Hon. Mr. Justice B. Tyabji. Mr. Scott and Mr. Lowndis, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Lynch and Owen, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Raikes, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Brown, and Co, appeared for the Municipality.

By a decretal order made in this case by Sir Charles Pa an, late Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Fulton, on the 5th March 1897, the suit was referred to the Commissioner to take an account *inter alia* of what amount of completed work was done by the appellants and plaintiffs up to the 15th February 1895, and the amount of money payable by defendants in respect thereof for interim payments, (a) in respect of the Colaba contract; and (b) in respect of the Umarkhadi contract. In January 1897, the plaintiffs filed their accounts, and in September 1897 the defendants filed their objections, stating that a number of those items were not completed. In reply to the objections, the plaintiffs maintained that the defendants could not raise the objection, as they were estopped from doing so. Hence the Commissioner referred the matter back to the Appeal Court.

Mr. Justice Fulton, delivering his decision, said, he agree with my learned colleague in thinking that the issue raised by Mr. Owen must be answered throughout in the affirmative. I do not think it necessary to determine whether before the filing of the written statement, any estoppal was created by Mr. Acworth's letter of the 29th March 1895, because it seems to me clear that the defendants are bound by their allegation in the 13th clause of the written statement. After giving credit for the sum of Rs. 4913 due by the plaintiffs, they said:—"In arriving at the said figures, the values of work partly done, but not completed by the plaintiffs, and for which therefore the plaintiffs were not entitled to payment under the terms of the said agreement, have not been taken into account, the said figures are also exclusive of the plaintiffs' deposits under the said agreement." That was in August 1897. Now, as March 1899 when owing to lapse of time, it would probably be difficult, if not impossible, for the plaintiff to meet the allegation that some or all of those works were not completed, it would be unfair to allow the defendants to recede from what they alleged. It cannot be argued that the word "completed" was used in a looser sense than the interpretation put on it by this Court for the defendants were then endeavouring to establish an even stricter construction of the term. If they now say that the works, in reference to which the accounts were prepared that resulted in the figures given in clause 13, were not completed works within the meaning of the contract, they are saying what is the opposite of their own allegations. The Commissioner is, I think, bound by these allegations and should report accordingly. There is nothing in the order of reference to prevent his doing so. The question now raised was not decided by the court. Had we been asked to decide it, we should probably have refused, on the ground that it might never arise. We left the disposal of difficulties that might from time to time arise to be dealt with by the Commissioner, subject to review. He was to take an account of what completed work was done by the plaintiffs up to the 15th February 1895, and in taking this account he must, I think, accept as conclusive the admissions of the defendants in their pleadings. Costs of the application to be costs in the reference.

THE FATAL SCUFFLE AT MAZAGON.

MR. ALLAN F. TURNER, the Coroner, concluded the adjourned inquiry, yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, regarding the death of Rutton Gopal, aged twenty-five years, lately a hamal in the employ of Mr. McDonald, of Old Harrington Lodge, Mazagon. The deceased died an hour after he had a scuffle with a cook, named Andrew Fernandez, who, it was alleged, assaulted the deceased. Superintendent Nolan attended the inquiry, and watched the proceedings on behalf of the police.

Dr. Sidney Smith, Assistant to the Coroner and the Police Surgeon, deposed that on the 19th instant he viewed the body of the deceased, Rutton Gopal, with the Coroner's Jury, at Harrington Lodge, Mount Road, Mazagon. The body was then removed to the mortuary, where at 12 noon he made an autopsy of the body. The deceased was very thin and emaciated, and was about twenty-five years of age. There were no external marks of violence on the body. On opening the abdomen, witness found it full of clotted blood and serum, the origin of which he traced to a rupture of the spleen on its inner side. The spleen was much diseased and about five times its normal size. It was very soft and friable. The stomach contained about four ounces of fluid, consisting of tea and a little bread. From the post-mortem appearances, witness was of opinion that death was due to internal hæmorrhage consequent upon rupture of the spleen. A scuffle, a sudden twisting of the body in a scuffle, or a kick with a naked foot might produce rupture in a spleen so diseased as was that of the deceased. A fall on his back would have been sufficient to have ruptured such a spleen.

Evidence of a butler in the employ of Mr. McDonald was then recorded.

Inspector Barnett, of the Bombay Police Force, deposed that in the first section, E Division, deposed that about 11 o'clock, on Saturday night last, the witness, Santan Pardra, accompanied by Police Sepoy No. 481 E, came to his office and gave him certain information in consequence of which witness proceeded with them to Mr. McDonald's house, on Mazagon Road. Witness just entered the kitchen and arrested the accused, Andrew Fernandez, who was lying down there. Witness then went into the adjoining room, and there found the deceased lying dead on the floor. He took possession of a tinport, which was lying on the verandah outside. He also took a pyran from off the deceased's head. It was torn and stained, with blood. The accused, Andrew Fernandez was bleeding from a wound on the right side of the head. There were no marks of violence on the deceased.

The jury on the evidence brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Andrew Fednandez, who was then committed by the Coroner to take his trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court.

A CUSTOMS PROSECUTION.

AT the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Soraji Ratanji Metha a clearing clerk in the service of Messrs. Turner, Hoar and Co., was again charged with using as genuine a forged document, Mr. Nicholson, Public Prosecutor, appeared on behalf of Mr. Crawford, Assistant Collector of Customs; while the accused was defended by Mr. De Souza, pleader, Mr. Rustim Pestonji Jahangir, Assistant Collector, assisted the Public Prosecutor.

Mr. Young, Assistant Collector, and examined by Mr. Nicholson, produced three receipts purporting to have been signed by Mr. Young, Assistant Collector, and one Mr. Apte for the chief account officer. Witness said that only one of these three documents bore the genuine signature of Mr. Young, Mr. Apte's signature was a forged signature. These documents had been filed in his office and up till Friday last he had no reason to suspect the genuineness of the signatures.

Krishna Babaji, a munsadaun in the emloy of Mr. Turner, Hoare and Co., was next examined. He said that he cleared goods of the firm from the Customs House under instructions of the accused.

James Edwards, assistant manager in C. shed Prince's Dock, said that the accused was formerly in the cash branch of the Port Trust office. Witness did not know the signature of Mr. Crawford.

Mr. A. C. Walker, deputy dock superintendent under the Port Trustees, said Exhibit A. came before him on or in February last, and as he felt some doubts about Mr. Crawford's signature, he handed the document over to Mr. Jehangir the first assistant collector the next day. It was brought to him by the shed manager. He knew the accused, who was in the dock cast office, where dock charges were collected.

Mr. Joseph Francis Maruzello, cashier in the firm Messrs. Turner, Hoare and Co., was then examined in regard to certain cash payments which he made to Mr. Edulji Sahiar in advance in respect of duty for the goods imported by the firm.

Mr. Edulji Sahiar, recalled and examined by Mr. Nicholson, said that the documents marked H. I. and J. were in the handwriting of the accused. The duty receipts were put in the file by the accused. Witness did not touch the file at all. The file was hung up on a wall and any body could have access to it. The numbers on Exhibits B and C did not agree with those on Exhibit H. and I. respectively. If they were genuine receipts they would bear the same numbers. It was not possible for the accused to file a false receipt without knowing it to be false.

Ramkrishna Harichandra Chowdari, clerk in the import department of the Customs, said that he had not put initials to Exhibits H. and I., but had done done so in regard to Exhibit J.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned to 7th proximo.

NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Wallace delivered an interesting lecture on the School of Art, its origin and its objects. After commencing the lecture the audience were invited to walk through the well-filled Show Room and Workshops and inspect the various articles completed or in progress. After this preliminery inspection Mr. Wallace gave a brief but interesting address in a Hall arranged and decorated for the occasion. In spite of the absence of many members from Bombay the lecture was well attended. Mr. Wallace paid tribute to the foresight of the first Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy in inauguration the school and laid great stress on the present demand for objects of art and the consequent necessity for providing the *best* both in design and workmanship. He further gave a satisfactory account of the advance made in this direction in the Sir J. J. Art Workshops which he described as a fortunate inspiration, demonstrating it by the fact that the pupils on leaving "are able to get well-paid occupation, and that Native States are beginning to send artificers to finish their education and train as teachers under the direction of the School of Art maistries." Mr. Wallace illustrated his lecture by some beautiful specimens of workmanship in wood carving, bronze and silver work, and added, in conclusion, that he would be glad if the ladies of the Association took advantage of the facilities offered for instruction in wood carving, modelling in clay, painting on pottery, and other branches of artistic work. At the conclusion of the lecture which was carefully translated by Mr. Daru, B.A., Mrs. Mac Arthur proposed and Mrs. Barbhaya seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Wallace for his interesting lecture and kind loan of the lecture-rooms. Before the audience dispersed Mrs. Kahanji Dharmesingh added an expression of her gratification at the interest he evinces in all matters of Indian art.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN adjourned meeting of the Municipal Corporation was held yesterday, the Hon. Dr. Bhalchandra presiding.

THE BOMBAY TRAMWAY COMPANY.

On the motion of Dr. Viegas, it was resolved to request the Municipal Commissioner to call upon the Bombay Tramway Company to adhere to the terms of their agreement in regard to the width of the tram track groove and also to relay the rails where the width of the groove exceeded the sanctioned limit.

THE CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

On the motion of Mr. C. N. Wadia, it was resolved to appoint a committee to prepare, in consultation with Municipal officers, and submit to the Corporation, to be forwarded to the City Improvement Trust, a representation under the provisions of the Act, suggesting a scheme or schemes for the improvement of congested areas in the Bhuleshwar Ward.

THE NUISANCE FROM SMOKE.

Dr. Ismail Janmahomed moved that the Commissioner be requested to consider and to inform the Corporation, whether measures could not be taken under section 391 of Act III of 1888 or otherwise for the removal or abatement of the nuisance caused in Bombay by factories not having proper appliances for consuming their own smoke. Dr. Ismail said that the nuisance was increasing in Bombay. He brought it to the notice of the Commissioner, who had, as they all knew from newspapers, instituted a prosecution against a particular mill owner, and they were all awaiting the result of that prosecution. He would, under the circumstances, with the permission of the Corporation, withdraw his proposition.

Dr. Ismail was allowed to withdraw the proposition.

LEAVE TO MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

In the absence of Mr. Caffe, who had given notice of motion, Professor Muller moved that the Standing Committee be asked to frame suitable regulations under section 81 (1) of the Municipal Act for granting to officers of the Municipality, employed on duties connected with the plague concessions in respect of leave similar to those granted by the Secretary of State to Government Officers employed on duties connected with famine relief and the plague, as set forth in Government resolution (Financial Department) dated the 24th November 1897. In submitting the motion to the Corporation, Professor Muller referred to the services rendered by Mr. Waite, the chief accountant of the Municipality during the time the plague was raging in Bombay, and who had, besides saving the municipality a large sum of money served it nobly and at the cost of his health. Mr. Waite had applied for special privilege leave which might be granted under the new rule.

Dr. Viegas opposed the motion, stating that rules ought not to be framed to suit individual cases. Mr. Waite had not rendered any special service in regard to the plague, and was not entitled to any special concession. He asked the Corporation to think twice before they passed a resolution which would lead the municipality in financial difficulties.

After further discussion the proposition was put to vote and carried.

This concluded the business before the Corporation.

THE J. N. PETIT, INSTITUTE.

THE annual general meeting of the the life members and subscribers of the above was held in the library hall, Hornby Road, yesterday afternoon, Mr Jijibhoy Framji Petit presiding

Mr Jijibhoy P Mistri, the Honorary Secretary, opened the proceedings by reading the report of the managing committee for the year 1898. At the outset the committee paid a well deserved tribute to the memory of the late Bai Dinbai Nusserwanji Petit, who had presented to the Library the beautiful and palatial building in which it was at present located. The year under report commenced with 1,158 members on its rolls, and with 478 new admissions and 233 withdrawals it closed with a total of 1,398, the net gain being 240. Of these 1,398, 29 were life embers (being 9 more than in the previous year) 172 first class (48 more than in the previous year), 171 second class (28 more than in the previous year), and 1023 third class members (being 154 more than in 1898. The average daily attendance of members was about 400. The donations which they have made has classified according to their nationalities: 1527 Parsees; 93 Hindus; 22 Mahomedans; and 150 Christians. The number of different newspapers and periodicals subscribed to by the Library during the year was 140, consisting of 224 copies at a time. The total number 63 of books added to the library during the year, was 1,335 of which 650 volumes were presented. The total number of book issued was 23,912 the issues of periodicals, and newspapers being 40,000. Besides the most substantial and princely gift of the buildings, the Institute had the good fortune to secure several other valuable gifts and donations, chiefly from the members of the Petit family. The two most important of these were (1) the liberal present from Bai Awabai Framjee Petit of almost the entire new and elegant furniture of the Library costing about Rs. 9,500, and (2) a donation from Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Petit, Bart., of Rs 10,000 worth of 3 per cent Government Promissory Notes as the nucleus of a book fund, the interest alone of the donation to be devoted every year to the purchase of new books. Another very important donation gift was made by the late Bai Dinbai Nesserwanjee Petit of almost the whole of the private Library of the late Mr. Jamsetjee Petit. Their total investments stood at Rs. 87,164 at the end of 1898. The aggregate receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 17,311-2-11 and expenditure to Rs 15,631-15-5. In conclusion reference was made to the indefatigable and disinterested labours of Khan Bahadur Rustomji Merwanji Patell in connection with the advancement and well-being of the library.

The report was then adopted and resolutions were passed thanking the retiring committee for its satisfactory management and appointing auditors for the current year.

Suggestions were then made by Messrs. Sorabji E. Warden and Pherozs C. R. Setna to elect Mr. Rustomji M. Patell, the first honorary life member of the institute.

The chairman stated that the suggestion would be communicated to the Managing Committee, who alone had the power to act upon it.

The usual vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

YACHT CLUB RACES.

LIST OF ENTRIES FOR RACES THIS AFTERNOON.

Ship's boats race in service rig (postponed from 2nd day of the Regatta). Time allowances according to R N rules. Start at 2-15 p.m.

Boat's name	Entered by
H M S Magdala's Cutter No. 1	Mr G B Hazell
Do do Galley	Capt J H Peel, R N
Do do Cutter No. 2	Lt R H Richardson
Do Abyssinia's Cutter Nos. 1 and 2	Do
Do Pinnace	Do
Do Eclipse's Cutter Nos. 1 and 2	Lt Mawbey
Do Eclipse's Galley	Do
Do do Pinnace	Do
Do Marathon's Cutter Nos. 1 and 2	Lt St John
Do Marathon's Galley	Do
Do do Pinnace	Do

Course No. 9, viz., from Committee Vessel round Tucke Beacon leaving it to starboard Rel Channel Buoy W N W of Butcher Id and round North Karanja Buoy leaving both to starboard and thence to Committee Vessel. Length of course 9½ miles.

Tamtit Class Race—Start at 3-30 p.m.

Boat's name	Entered by
Loma	Mr M P Baird
Moz	Mr J B K Macbeth
Midget	Officers, R A

Course No. 8—viz., from Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy, and round Tucker Beacon leaving it to port, thence round North Karanja Buoy, leaving it to starboard and finishing at Committee Vessel. Length of course 6·3 miles.

Yacht's Handicap Race—Start at 3-45 p.m.

Boat's name	Entered by
Turquoise	Mr E S Loard
Melody	Mr J B K Macbeth
Manisha	Officers, R A
Kismet	Mr W P Symonds

Course No. 5.—viz, from Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy, round South Karanja Buoy and thence to Committee Vessel, leaving all marks to starboard. Length of course 8·8 miles.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 25.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

489-97—Little and Co—Govardhandas Hurjiwan vs Hurjiwan Purshotum—Mathubhai and J.

129-98—Crawford and Co—Jamabai vs Hurjiwan Purshotum—Mathubhai and J.

336-98—Captain and V. J. L. Antao vs Arlesr Byramjee Jeejeebhoy and others—Payne G and S, Daphtary and F, and Captain and V.

719-98—Little and Co—Esmailjee Ebhramjee Nagree vs Kalabhai Virsan and another—Matubhai and J.

For further directions and costs on Commissioner's Report.

633-97—Tyabjee D and Co—The Hon'ble Bail Lang and another vs Mooljee Karsanjee—Strachan and J

To vary Commissioner's Report.

611-93—Tyabji and Co—Nathu Tulsidas and another vs Vaga Valjee and others—Little and Co and Payne G and S.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice CROWE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

241-97—Payne G and S—Jacob Elias Sassoon and others vs The Dhamdhar Lakhmidas Mills and Co—Bhalshankar and K.

655-98—Tenkurdas D C and H—The Ripon Printing Press Co Ld vs Bomanjee Jamsetjee Mistry and others—Bicknell and D.

232-98—Manshukhlal D and G—Dharamsey Syondersdas and another vs Pestonjee Johangir Hormasji—Pestonjee H and K.

155-97—Wadia and G—Motichand Tallackchand vs Manockchand Kapurchand—Gilgelow G and W.

715-97—Payne G and S—Javabai vs Gopal Raghowjee Parker and other—Bhoshunker and K.

44-97—Ardeshir B and D—Jamandas Gallookbhoy and others vs Mirchand Kanji and others—Payne G and S.

171-98—Manshukhlal D and J for pauper—Anandrao Shamrao vs Harivabhai bas Balgowandas—Wadia and G.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice STARLING.

For dismissal.

E F Nicholson for Government in the Matter of the Land Acquisition Act I 1894 and in the Matter of Govt. and Gongabai.

Suits for hearing and final disposal

Long Causes.

537-97—Crawford B and Co—Oomer Rahimtoola vs Meeya Adam Haiss Mahomed and others—Payne G and S, and Bhalshanker and K. Part heard.

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To the Memory of Brave Men (Last Stand of Major Wilson)	Allen Stewart.
Kassassin	R Caton Woodville.
Storming of Badajos (1812)	do.
Charge of the Light Brigade	do.
Guns to the Front	Stanley L Wood.
Naval Heroes of Great Britain (1795)	Douglas Cooper
Charge of the Heavy Brigade	G D Giles.
Nelson's Ship in the Battle of Trafalgar	J M W Turner, R. A.
Omdurman (Charge 21st Lancers)	Stanley Berkeley.
Atbara (Charge of the Camerons)	do.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Love Letter	By Luke Fildes, R. A.
Order of the Bath (Dogs)	C. Burton-Barber.
For the Safety of the Public (A Pup muzzled)	E Caldwell.
A Football Match	W H Oerend.
Companion to above	do.
Henpecked (Dog and Hen)	R Morley.
Roused (Lions)	H Dicksie
The Captive	Sir Jno Millais, P R A.
The Sisters Kiss	Sir Fred. Leighton, P R A
Clytie	By Lord Leighton, P R A, (His last Picture.)
"Rose" and "Ivy" (Companion)	By Herkomer, R A.
Corona	C E Perugini.
Atalanta's Race	E J Poynter, R. A.
Uncle Tom and His Wife for Sale (Dogs)	Sir Edwin Landseer.
Geordie Sits in Chan-He's Chair (Dogs)	Ed Douglas.
Old Man's Darling (Dogs)	W H Trood.
A Plaintive Duet (Dogs)	do.
A Dead Heat (Dogs)	A J Elsley
Goodbye (Dogs)	do.
"Wait a Minute" (Dogs)	do.
La Source	Marazolle.
A Credit to His Family (Dogs)	Stanley Berkeley.
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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 24.

During the past week there has been a steady though somewhat small enquiry for Cotton from exporters as well as the local Mills, and prices have fully maintained their current level. Wheat and seeds have been in fair request, at ruling rates. In Exchange there has been a slightly unsteady feeling, quotations closing this evening 1-32d. lower for Private Paper, but without change for Bank. Money is in good demand. Government Paper has steadied during the week, although the tone at the commencement was inclined to be weak; prices are as compared with last Friday's 1-8 per cent higher for 3 1-2 per cents, and 1-2 per cent for Threes. Freights are quiet, and show a marked tendency to favour buyers; Lines have been reported for both ready and forward shipment, as far as May, mostly for continental ports. Sellers are not by any means keen in meeting buyers, offer's and hence the business done has not been large; the market closes rather dull in tone. Imports are a quiet but steady market.

MONEY.—The Bank of Bombay return for the week ending on Saturday last shows the following changes:—

Public Deposits at the	Head Office	Inc.	Rs. 7,07,520
" " "	Branches	Inc.	" 18,28,007
Other "		Dec.	" 40,30,838
Government Securities		Inc.	" 230
Other authorised "		unchanged.	
Loans		Inc.	" 9,53,005
Bills Discounted and Purchased		Dec.	" 3,06,303
Balances with other Banks		Inc.	" 93,509
Cash		Dec.	" 17,16,409

Against the increase during the week preceding of 13 1-4 lakhs, at 142 1-4 lakhs, there was a diminution during last week in the Cash Balance of the Bank of Bombay amounting to a little over 17 lakhs, at 125 lakhs. To Paplic Deposits an addition was made both at the Head Office and the Branches, to the extent of 7 and 18 1-4 lakhs, respectively; while in Private Deposits there was a falling off of over 40 1-4 lakhs. Loans were 9 1-2 lakhs more; and Bills Discounted and Purchased 3 1-2 lakhs less. The Balances with other Banks were just under 1 lakh greater.

Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Bombay as on 18th March 1899:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital	100,00,000
Reserve Funds	70,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	55,05,786
Do. do. at Branches	55,16,309
Other Deposits	270,89,924
Post Bills	6,702
Credits undrawn	21,59,495
Rs...	584,75,216

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Government Securities	104,09,223
Other authorised Securities	34,79,073
Credits on Government and other authorised Securities	73,31,030
Loans on do. do. do.	139,52,538
Bills Discounted and Purchased	100,62,353
Dead Stock	4,22,745
Stamps and Stationery	28,011
Balances with other Banks	221,173
Cash	125,07,837
Rs.....	584,75,216

Meanwhile, there is a good demand for money. The Bank's rate is 7 per cent., and that in the open market 5 per cent.

EXCHANGE.—The market opened with a steady feeling on Saturday last at 1s. 4 1-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 3-16d. for three months sight Credits, a moderate amount of business having transpired both ways. On Monday the market was steady in tone with 1s 4d to 1s 4 1-32d quoted for Bank Telegraphic, 1s 4 1-32d for demand, and 1s 4 3-16d for three months' sight Credits. There was a fair enquiry for Bank Paper; but Merchants' Bills were very scarce; and the market closed quiet not to re-open until Wednesday, when the feeling was again quiet with 1s. 4 1. quoted for Bank Telegraphic and Demand and 1s. 4 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits. For Bank Paper there was a moderate demand; Mercantile Bills were scarce. Yesterday quotations were given at 1s. 3 31-32d for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 5-32d for three months' sight Credits. Business was on a very small scale, no transactions o importance having been reported. The market has been steady to-day at 1s. 4d. for Bank Telegrapbic and Demand, and 1s. 4 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits. There was a small enquiry for Bank Paper; a few Merchants' Bills were placed; and the market closed steady as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s 4d per Rupee.
" Telegraphic	1s 4d "
Credits 3 months' sight	1s 4 5-32d "
Francs	1'70 "

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Rates opened last mail day with a firm feeling at 101 1-8 for Money, for 3 1-2 per Cents, 101 1-4 for Account, and 95 for Threes, and closed at the same level. On Monday quotations were given at opening at 101 9-16 for Money, and 101 5-8 for Account, for 3 1-2 per cents, and advanced in a firm market to 101 11-16 and 101 3-4 in the two positions, respectively; 3 per Cents declined to 94. The market was closed on Tuesday, and at opening on Wednesday it was steady in tone, at 101 5-16 and 101 3-8 for 3 1-2 per cents, for Money and Account respectively, and 49 1-2 for Threes. Yesterday rates showed a tendency to be firm, 101 having been quoted for Cash, for 3 1-2 per cents, 101 5-16 for the Settlement and 94 1-2 for Threes. The market has again been firm in tone to-day at 101 1-8 for Money, and 101 3 1-6 for Accout, for 3 1-2 per cents; Threes advaneed to 95.

SHARES.—There has been an upward movement in prices during the past week, especially in Mill Scrip, our revised list this evening disclosing an advance of Rs. 25, in Lakhmidas, of Rs. 10 each, in Khatao Mukanji, and Swadeshi; of Rs. 5 each, in China and Manockjee Petit; of Rs. 2 1-2, in David; of Rs. 2, in Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co., and a decline of Rs. 50, in Britanika; and of Rs. 40, in Presidency. In Presses, Volkarts are Rs. 10 higher; and New Indian, Rs. 5. In Miscellaneous shares Kemp and Co. are Rs 5 higher, while Port Canning, are Rs. 5 lower; and Delhi and Northern India Flour, Rs. 2. In Banks, Bank of Bengal have advanced Rs. 30; and Bank of Bombay, have declined Rs. 2 1-2.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—There has been a moderate enquiry for Grey Goods, prices for which are generally unchanged. Up-country country buyers are taking enough to meet their present requirements but not more. Stocks are reported to be the same. In Bleached, Dyed, Turkey-Red, and Printed goods a small business has passed, at current rates. For Locally-made goods there has been afair enquiry. The clearances of Imported goods from the bazaar during the week have been about 3,000 packages; and of Local, some 1,100 bales.

YARNS.—The sales on account of China dealers have amounted to 12,000 bales during the week, and prices are reported to be a little easier. Locally the market is quiet, and rather weak in tone; the clearances from the bazaar have been 2,000 bales. Official quotations are as follows:—

Twist	No.	6s	Mule.	As.	to	
"		20	"	"	3 1-3	3 5-8 per lb.
"		12s	"	"	3 1-2	4 11-16 "
"		20s	"	"	3 3-8	4 3-4 "
"		16s	"	"	4	4 13-16 "
"		22s	"	"	4 1-4	5 "
"		24s	"	"	4 3-4	5 1-2 "
"		30s	"	"	6	6 1-2 "
"		40s	"	"	7	7 1-2 "

METALS.—Yellow Metal has advanced 4 ans. per cent., and Brazier's Copper is also higher to a like extent. On the other hand, Swedish Bar Iron is 8 ans. per candy lower.

COALS.—"Condiff," for February-March and March-April shipments, has been sold at Rs. 18 10 to Rs. 18 12 per ton; and "Davison's West Hartley" same shipments, at Rs. 17 1-2 per ton. In Bengal Coal, and line of "Deshagur" was sold, August to December delivery, at Rs 15. and April and May deliveries at Rs. 15 3-4. A line of "Deshagur" was also reported for delivery next year, at Rs. 14 1-4, 1,500 tons monthly The market closed steady; we quote along side:—

	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil.	Nil.
West "	Rs. 17 1-2 per ton,	Rs. 17 12- per ton,
Australian	Nil.	Nil.
Cowan's	Rs. 19 per ton,	Rs. 18 1 2 per ton.
Cardiff	Rs. 19 "	Rs. 18 1-2 "
Japan	Nil.	Nil.
Singareni	Nil.	Nil.
Deshagur Bengal	Rs. 15 "	Rs. 15 3-4 "
Muir's Navigation	Rs. 14 1-4 "	Rs. 13 3-4 "
Jardine's	Rs. 14 1-4 "	Rs. 13 3-4 "
Seebpore	Rs. 15 "	Rs. 14 1-2 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—From the sales reported from day to day on account of the local mills and of Exporters, it appears the operations of both have been limited to some extent, but the purchases of the former have been in excess of those of the latter. Prices have been steady, and are given this evening at an advance of some 8 ans. to one rupee per candy, Rs. 157 per candy being quoted for "Good" Broach, March delivery; Rs. 139 for "Good" Bhownugger, for May; and Rs. 121 for "Fully Good" Bengal for March. The market closes with a steady feeling.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without Commission, viz:—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs. 129	2 25-32d.
Do. Fully Good	" 120	2 21-32d.
Do. Good	" 114	2 9-16d.
Selatee, Fine	" 134	2 7-8d.
Do. Fully Good	" 128	2 25-32d.
Khandeish, Fully Good	" 129	2 25-32d.
Oomra, Fully Good	" 136	2 29-32d.
Dhollera, Fine	" 149	3 1-8d.
Do. Do. May	" 151	3 3-16d.
Do. Fully Good	" 141	3d.
Do. Do. May	" 144	3 1-16d.
Do. Good May	" 131	2 31-32d.
S. G. Dharwar, Good May	" 143	3 5-32 "
Westerns May	" 138	2 31-32d.
Broach, Fine	" 138	3 9-32d.
Do. Good	" 134	3 7-32d.

The arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay this Season, as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season. 1898-99. F. P. Bales.	Season. 1897-98. F. P. Bales.
Khandeish	290,500	221,000
Barsee and Nuggur	64,500	53,500
Berar	509,000	295,000
Hingunghat	11,000	7,500
Dholleras	93,500	15,500
Broach	40,000	30,000
Bengals	173,000	121,500
Persian and Sind	2, 00	8,000
	1,187,000	715,000

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1899. Bales.	1898. Bales.	189 Bales.
For the week	55,180	59,196	61,311
From 1st Jan. to 23rd March	962,874	595,871	592,028
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent	4,861	13,351	17,704
For the week	190,923	97,913	211,495
From 1st Jan. to 23rd March	30,570	22,190	14,406
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta &c.	155,761	103,913	167,806
For the week			
From 1st Jan. to 23rd March			

WHEAT has been a steady market, with a fair demand. Quotatioas are as follows:—

White Pessy, 191 per cent	Rs. 26	per c
Do 85 per cent	" 25	"
No. 1 Club Delhi	" 4-2-3	per cwt
Red Delhi	" 3-13-3	"
Hard Yellow	" 27-3-0	per c
Red Ahmedabad	" 25-0-0	"
Hard Red	" 24-8-0	"

SEEDS.—A small business has been done in a steady market. Prices close at the following level:—

Linseed	Rs.	6-3-6 per cwt.
Rapeseed, Yellow Gozerat	"	5-14-0 " "
Do. Do. Cawnpore	"	5-5-0 " "
Do. Red Do.	"	5-5-0 " "
Gingelly, White	"	28-3 " "
Do. Mixed	"	35-0-0 " "

The Comparative imports of wheat and seeds are as under:—

	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.	1897 Cwts
Wheat for the week	145,251	143,888	43,170
Do. from 1st January to 23rd March	801,158	553,238	195,353
Linseed for the week	93,033	97,203	5,933
Do. from 1st January to 23rd March	657,401	510,931	55,473
Rapeseed for the week	29,873	30,102	9,180
Do. from 1st January to 23rd March	249,585	146,618	42,467
Gingellyseed for the week	44,462	59,191	30,478
Do. from 1st January to 23rd March	795,548	773,090	280,089

The Clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	1899 Cwts.	1898 Cwts.	1897 Cwts
Wheat for the week	104,226	24,833	.....
Do. from 1st Jan. to 23rd Mar	455,907	63,190	811
Linseed for the week	24,001	53,405	4,003
Do. from 1st Jan to 23rd Mar	511,441	507,551	121,732
Rapeseed for the week	4,013	33,845	4,010
Do. from 1st Jan to 23rd Mar	334,820	233,939	114 110
Gingellyseed for the week	30,575	74,039	53,183
Do. from 1st Jan to 23rd Mar	719,182	607,103	181,790

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

MESSRS. TATA AND CO's correspondents in their letter of the 10th March, report on the state of their cotton market as under:—

"We have now received the very interesting replies to our inquiries of 27 ultimo from our spinner friends and representatives in France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Holland, Belgium, Russia, Norway and Sweden.

"On drawing the conclusions we find that the Majority of the Continental Spinners are supplied with actual cotton for three to six months. Some Spinners, especially the larger companies, have bought for much longer periods even for twelve months ahead, but as a rule Autumn Shipments have not yet been bought. In only very isolated cases have spinners sold yearns forward without being fully covered in cotton.

"A great many of our friends complain about not being able to sell, or only at unremunerative prices, and the use of Surat for coarser counts seems to be more general than has been the case for several years past.

"The striking contrast between the present time and other periods when cotton was worth less than 3½d lie in the fact that, whereas under similar circumstances in former years a large short interest had accumulated, which ultimately lifted the market, there is no such latent buying power now in existence. This great source of strength is entirely wanting this year, and there only remain the several Bull factors so assiduously relied upon by America, on which to base the expectations of an advance. We hardly think them strong enough, however to push the market up beyond a few points, but we may be wrong".

"To our mind the only factor worth considering would be the continuance of unfavourable weather as it would not only interfere with the movement of the old crop, but would also further delay the preparations for the new crops, which are some weeks late as it is. The feed may be also somewhat damaged by frost in certain districts, but it will take many weeks to verify the statement, and in the meantime farmers will most likely plant as much as ever. This statement is emphasized at 3d. and under, a reduction of acreage would almost, have been a matter of course, but after an advance of close on 1-2d from the lowest, we very much doubt whether any reduction will take place. For this reason principally we think that of any advance be established it will only be a slight and temporary one, and we fully expect to see lower prices again later on in the season."

"Cotton people in America are reducing their crop estimates, but it matters very little now whether the crop turns out to be 11 millions or 10 3-4 million only. The main point is that the crop again exceeds all possible consumption by several hundred thousand bales. Neill sticks to to his gold large estimate of 11 3-4. He shows great pluck, undoubtedly, but all the same he finds very little credit here.

"At times there are for more offerings of cif. cotton from America in this market than have been seen for some time past, which shows that there is more desire to sell on the part of American holders. Still these offerings are as yet not aggressive but may become so anytime when the news of a reduction of acreage prove to be unfounded."

"From our French friends we learn that spinners there are contemplating the introduction of short time but as far as the outlook in Lancashire spinning industry is concerned, there is no cause for anxiety. It is admitted on all sides that a strike is very improbable, and considering the healthy state of trade the meeting on 4th advance submits the slight increase in wages of 7½ in the £ stg. Spring months are quoted 3·21. Summer 3·25. Winter 3·23.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 26.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Merbecke in F. Hymns—Introit 1, 92 and 108.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Lord Bishop of Bombay—Hymns 98, 283 and 235.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.—Lloyd in F.
Daily Matins at 6-15 a.m., Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m. and Evensong at 6 p.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA, (Afghan Memorial Church.)
Palm Sunday.

8 a.m. Missa Cantata (Merbecke)—Hymns 99, 197 and 324.
11 a.m.—Choral, Matins and Sermon (Parade Service)—Hymns 99, 183 and 98.
6 p.m.—Choral, Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 109, 109 and 98.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway).

10 30 a.m.—Rev. G. C. Walker.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Rev. G. C. Walker.
8 p.m.—Social Hour, School room.

(Byculla, Victoria Gardens).

9-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Mr. R. D. Pring'e.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
Marathi Services—At 10-30 and 4-30 Rev. S. Rahator.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, FORT.

8 a.m.—Morning Service—Ps. 145. Hymns 49, 234 and 183.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Psalm 33, 132 tune. Hymns 114, 109 and 266.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.
BOWEN MEMORIAL CHURCH—Apollo Bunder.
(Behind the Apollo Hotel.)

9 45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermons by Rev. I. F. Row.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
All seats free, and strangers cordially welcomed.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
(Wandby Road, Esplanade).

8 a.m.—Last Service in St. Andrew's Church.
4-0 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.
Hymns 181, 210 and 231. Psalm 61 tune 16.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
(Near School of Art.)

Incumbent.—Rev. C. Gilter.
8 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.—Hymns 99, 108 and 211 part 2.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by the Rev. S. Leigh Lye—Hymns 98, 106 and 97 part 2.
The offertories for Church expenses and poor relief.

MISSION CHURCH GIRGAUM.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by Rev. L. B. Butcher.
4-30 p.m.—Service for the young.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. A. Roberts Offertories on behalf of the C. M. S. Girls Boarding School, Bombay.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Procession and Choral Eucharist. Preacher, Rev. Fr. Biscoe.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral. Preacher, Rev. Fr. Tovey.
Alms for Organ and Choir.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.
Sunday before Easter (Palm Sunday).

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion—Hymns 98, 99, 107 and 158.
4-15 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon—Hymns 98, 287 and 231.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

SEAMEN'S REST,
Frere Road, Prince's Dock,

Rev. F. Wood, Port Missionary.
7-30 p.m.—Divine Service and Sermon.
All seamen and strangers in the port are heartily welcomed.

ST. NICHOLAS' (SEAMEN'S) CHURCH,
Prince's Dock.

8 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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EUROPE.

MARRIAGES.

CUMMINS—WHITFIELD—March 4, at Liverpool, J T Cummins, to Daisy, daughter of late J Whitfield, C E, M I C E, Calcutta.
SHORROCK—WEDEMEYER—March 2, at Didsbury, J C Shorrock, of Calcutta, to Elizabeth Augusta (Bessie), daughter of R Wedemeyer.

DEATHS.

BIGGS—March 1, widow of late Major J P M Biggs, late of 30th Madras Native Infantry, St Leonards-on-Sea, 67.
BOWRON—March 5, Surg-Major J Bowron, M D, Bengal Army, retired, Hove, in his 101st year.
DALGAS—March 2, wife of late Capt A Dallas, Bengal Cav. and daughter of late Major-Gen Despard, C B Florence.

OTHER PRE-IDENCIES.

BIRTH.

SANDERS—March 19, at Bangalore, the wife of Lieut G A F Sanders, R E, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

EVANS—March 13, at the Medical College Hospital, of plague, Major John Fenton Evans, I M S, Professor of Pathology, aged 41 years.
KIDD—March 10, at Dinapur, Henry Alexander Kidd, M D, late Civil Surgeon of Mundla, C P, aged 70 years.
MYLNE—March 20, James Mylne, of Bohese, E I R, in his 85th year.
RYAN—March 16, at Perozepore, Major C A Ryan, Royal Artillery, aged 45 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1899.

It is a very gratifying sign of the times that an American professor should write, and an American University should publish, an elaborate work on the life of Zoroaster, the sage of ancient Iran and the provider of the faith of the modern Parsees. It shows the wide intellectual sympathies of American scholars, whose energies now engross almost every department of human learning. The great zeal with which they pursue Oriental studies is well known, chiefly by the series of learned works they have produced and which have added much to our knowledge of remote times. The ancient languages and religions of India chiefly attracted them, and the labours of men like Whitney, Hopkins, and Bloomfield in this field have been quite as valuable as those of scholars in the Old World. The antiquities of other Oriental countries and nations have also been explored by them of late with equally valuable results. The University of Pennsylvania sent a party under Professor Peters to explore old Assyrian sites, and the volumes containing their researches recently published threw very valuable light on ancient civilization. The Columbia University is cultivating a heightening field, so to say, increasing our knowledge of ancient Iran. The professor of Iranian languages, Mr. William Jackson, is the leading American scholar of Avesta lore, and is well known by his philosophical work. He has just published a comprehensive work on Zoroaster which contains the fruits of his studies, spread over several years, into the origin of the religion of ancient Iran, and the life and age of its founder and prophet. The material for such a work has been long gathering, and some such study of the Prophet's life and time was really wanted by all students of that ancient faith. One would have expected it from a Parsi scholar naturally, as it is a subject which has a real and practical interest for Parsis who venerate their great prophet's memory still after the lapse of ages, and, as we are told, some of their men are studying their religion scientifically. But the fact that such a book was left to be written by an American shows that the Parsis are not yet sufficiently advanced in the scientific study of their own ancient religions and linguistic lore to produce works that can take rank with those of Western scholars. They have got talent enough among their community for such work and they have got wealth enough to encourage such talents. Yet this wealth has not yet flowed into the channel of endowment of research and scholarship pertaining to their own religion. Hence scholarly energy seeks other channels and avoids the necessarily unprofitable field of unproductive research. The present work ought to teach the Parsis a useful object lesson. Here is a work on their own prophet written by an American who owes his leisure for the pursuit of his studies to American endowments, and the book is published at the expense of an American university which has funds for the purpose. What have the Parsis to show by the side of this? Where are the professorships and fellowships endowed by them which would enable and encourage their own scholars to pursue their recondite studies far from the din and turmoil of the work-a-day world? Is it not strange that when a wealthy and munificent Parsi should seek to establish a University for all India, no other wealthy and munificent Parsi should have offered to endow a chair of his own religious lore. There are professors of the Iranian language in German Universities paid by the German Government; there are professors of Avesta lore in distant America, where there is not a single Parsi, paid out of the wealth of American millionaires. But there is not in this chosen home of the Parsis, not a single scholar who can thank any of the millionaires of his own race for giving him the means to explore and explain his own religion. No wonder, then, no Parsi scholar has produced any noteworthy work on his own religion, and that his community has to depend on foreign scholars for the exposition of its sacred lore.

Professor Jackson's book is chiefly a biographical study based on tradition, and deals with the life and legend of Zoroaster, the representative of the life and laws of the Medes and Persians. This prophet has been too frequently treated as a mythical personage, whose identity is almost lost in the mass of vague fictions that gathered round his name. The great antiquity assigned to him by some helped to obscure his personality by showing him to us through the dim haze of the twilight of history. It is certainly somewhat hard to realise as a historical entity a personage supposed to have flourished six thousand years ago. Our author, however, treats of Zoroaster not as a vague figure, but as a real and living person. He gives us a discerning account of his life and doings like those of other historical characters, and presents us with a somewhat striking portrait of the venerable sage. He has gathered together all the details he could find scattered about in the ancient and medieval records of the Parsees and in the writings of Greeks, Arabs, and others. He has made great use of tradition, and the mass of legends, facts and fictions, which have grown round Zoroaster's name during the course of ages. He has tried to sift all this and to find the substratum of fact upon which it is built. He quotes from the Armenian analyst, Moses of Chorene:—"There may be much that is untrue in those stories, there may be much that is true, but to me at least they seem to contain truth." And he adds: "In general there is so much smoke there must also be fire, and in this book I hope that others may discern some sparks of the true flame amid the cloud." Following tradition, especially Parsi tradition, Professor Jackson brings down Zoroaster to comparatively later times and places him in the sixth century before the Christian era. In the appendix he examines the arguments for the various older dates and tries to refute them. We will not discuss this knotty subject here; but will only remark that it is very curious to see how the latest opinion into the subject had veered round to the earliest. Anquetil Dusperon, the only pioneer of those studies, also placed the Prophet's date in the sixth century by following the traditions. For a long time he was ridiculed by scholars as too credulous in this matter. Spizel Haug, Darmesteter, Winlischmann, Geldner, and our author himself formerly were for an earlier date. But we now find that they have all changed their views. Professor Jackson assures us that Haug, West, Justi, Geldner, Casertelli, and several other scholars agree with him in this matter. The Parsis have given up their own traditions and are in favour of a much earlier date. In this they followed European savants. But now that the latter have changed their views, will they also change theirs! Or will they give stronger reasons for adhering to the greater antiquity of their prophet's age? Here is an opportunity for Parsi scholars to break a lance with their European and American confreres. One thing clearly comes out of this discussion, and that is that when scholars not only differ among themselves, but with their own former selves, ordinary people may well suspend their judgment. As regards the birth place of Zoroaster, Prof. Jackson comes to the conclusion that though the prophet was born in the west of Iran, he spent much of his prophetic career in the East, that is, in Bactria, because his traditional name was the Bactrian sage. Prof. Jackson has produced a really noteworthy work by his labours, which are zealous as they are disinterested. He might now deal with the religious teaching of this prophet of ancient Iran.

More than half the work is in the form of appendices, and to the scholar they are important. The author has brought together a vast mass of learning bearing on the subject, which had hitherto lain scattered in innumerable works. The collection of all the passages from Greek and Latin authors who have mentioned Zoroaster, is specially interesting and valuable, as we have before us in chronological order the opinions about Zoroaster and his works from the great classical writers. The first to notice the Persian Prophet among the Greeks was Plato, who mentions him in his First Alkibiades dialogue in connection with the teaching of the Persian Magi. It is unfortunate that no passage of Aristotle's work referring

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

LONDON, MARCH 23.

In the House of Commons, to-day, Mr. Brodrick announced that America has proposed a *modus vivendi* in the matter of the Alaska boundary.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

The British North Borneo Company is issuing 350,000 new shares.

FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

MARCH 24.

Terrible accounts are being received of famine, accompanied by typhus, in Samara and other Russians provinces on the Volga.

THE INDIAN SUGAR BILL.

The Hungarian Minister of Commerce, replying to an interpellation in the Legislature, declared that the Indian Countervailing Sugar Duties Bill was contrary to the treaty with Great Britain.

He admitted that the sugar bounties were becoming daily more untenable, but do not justify the Indian Act.

RESULT OF THE GRAND NATIONAL.

The race for the Grand National, run to-day, resulted as follows :—

Manifesto	1
Ford of Fyne	2
Elliman	3

THE MAILS.

LONDON, MARCH 23.

The Bombay mails of the 11th instant arrived at Brindisi, yesterday.

MARSEILLES, MARCH 24.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Egypt, which left Bombay on the 11th instant, arrived here, to-day.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, MARCH 24.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Beil, Deoli Irregular Force, having been appointed to officiate as Assistant Adjutant-General on the District Staff in Bombay Command, is posted to Poona District.

Lieutenant Will, 4th Bombay Rifles, has passed the tests for retention in the Indian Staff Corps.

Second Lieutenant Wyatt, Unattached List, will, on arrival in India, be attached for duty to the 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment. Agreeably to para. 72, Army Regulations, India, Vol. II., so much of Bombay Command Order as relates to Lieutenant Wyatt is hereby cancelled.

The undermentioned officers are qualified for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant :—1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers—Second Lieutenant Crichton Palairet and Msy.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is notified that Second Lieutenant Hawksley has been transferred from No. 3 Company Western Division to 4th Field Battery, Royal Artillery.

Attention is invited to the Government of India ruling that when the grant of compensation in lieu of clothing to Native troops is authorised payment of compensation will be regulated in the following manner :—Compensation in lieu of annual clothing will be payable on the 1st April of the following year for the number of months during which the men have been effective. Compensation in lieu of quadrennial, triennial and biennial articles of clothing will be payable at the end of each clothing would be required to last, at the rate, respectively, of one-fourth, one-third and one-half of the total value of the articles, and proportionately for broken periods of the year, for the time during which the men have been effective.

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty : Lieutenant Orton Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 26th Bombay Infantry, for six months (pension service sixth year commenced 7th March).

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing, the specified period to count from the date of leaving India :—Captain Carnegy, Wing Officer, 21st Bombay Infantry for eight months (pension service fifteenth year commenced 23rd August).

The undermentioned officer has leave of absence :—Royal Army Medical Corps—Captain Kiddle, from 1st April to 10th July, on private affairs, out of India.

THE PLAGUE IN POONA.

The plague is increasing somewhat in Poona City. Twenty-seven fresh cases and seven deaths were recorded to-day, the total mortality being 27. There were two fresh cases in the cantonment in the general plague hospital seven fresh cases and two deaths, and 60 remaining, the others being distributed over caste hospitals.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

CALCUTTA, MARCH 24.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. K. Batten officiates as Civil and Sessions Judge, Berar.

Lieutenant Colonel Barr, Governor-General's Agent in Central India, is granted six months' furlough ; Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. C. Willie, officiating.

Sir George Robertson, Political Officer with Sardar Ayub Khan, is granted six months' special leave from the 15th April.

Captain Kemball, Political Agent, Jhalawar, is granted eight months' furlough from to-morrow.

Captain Showers, Political Agent, South Baluchistan, has been granted six months' special leave from 10th April.

Captain Berkeley, Assistant to the Governor-General's Agent in Baluchistan, six months' leave from 22nd April.

Captain H. Watson, Punjab Imperial Service Infantry, six months' leave ; Lieutenant S. R. Davidson, officiating.

Captain Broome, 9th Bombay Infantary, is appointed Cantonment Magistrate, Baroda.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Mr. C. H. Candy is appointed Director of Public Instruction, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, vice Mr. Sitaram Vishwanath Patwardan.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Maconochie, Under-Secretary to the Government of India is granted six weeks' leave.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. W. H. P. Sherman, Chief Engineer of Railways on furlough, retires with effect from 5th April.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Major H. E. Passy officiates as Deputy Accountant-General, Military Department, vice Field.

Hyderabad Volunteers—Lieutenant Wright is appointed Captain, vice Watts ; Second Lieutenant Macrae succeeding Wright as Lieutenant, while Second Lieutenant Tyers is promoted to be Lieutenant, vice Evans.

Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles—Second Lieutenant Thomson resigns the commission.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Captain J. L. Jones, I. M. S. Bombay, officiates as Assay Master, Calcutta Mint.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, MARCH, 23.

The Clans Line steamer Clan Grant arrived here from Calcutta, Madras and Colombo, this morning.

PENANG, MARCH 23,

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Trieste, from Kobe, sailed for Bombay this afternoon.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MARCH 23.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Sarats quiet.

Good Bhownuggur 2 23 32

The Manchester Market has been quiet but steady.

2½ per cents. Consols 107-8

2½ per cent. Rentes 102½

3½ per cent. Sterling Loan 115

3½ per cent. Rupee Papers 97 5-16

Bar Silver 27 7-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Bullion £32,590,000 ; Decrease £500,000 ; Public Deposits £17,900,000 ; Increase £190,000 ; Other Deposits £31,600,000 ; Decrease £200,000 ; Other Securities £30,300,000 ; Increase £1,400,000 ; Notes and Coins £24,540,000 ; Decrease £700,000. The Bank's Reserve is 41 per cent. of the liabilities.

FAREWELL DINNER IN CALCUTTA.

THE DEPARTING FINANCE MINISTER.

SPEECH BY THE VICEROY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 24.

His Excellency the Viceroy gave a farewell dinner to the Hon'ble Sir James Westland and the Hon'ble Mr. Chalmers at Government House, last night, on the eve of their departure from India. The Commander-in-Chief, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Bishop of Calcutta, and many of the leading officials of Government were present, besides many ladies. After the dinner, his Excellency proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was drunk with the usual honours. His Excellency, in proposing the toast of the guests of the evening, said :—We meet to night upon an interesting occasion. Although it is not without a tinge of melancholy and regret, I have invited you all here this evening to join with me in bidding good-bye to two public men, colleagues of some of us, and friends of all, who are about to leave India, and to devote their great abilities to some other branch of the public service. It is with profound respect that I must speak of the career of Sir James Westland, which began in India at a time, now nearly forty year ago, when I myself was in what is popularly known as the nursery. Sir James Westland's career has been remarkable career. It has been remarkable for its continuity and consistency as much as for any other feature. It has come to my knowledge, for instance, that almost the first act of merit performed by Sir James Westland when he came to India was the writing of the report on the cultivation of sugar, whilst it is a matter of public knowledge that his last act has been the passage of the Bill to prevent the extinction of that useful article. (Laughter and applause). It may therefore be said of his career, as it can of no other within my knowledge, that it has been equally sweet at the beginning and at the end. (Laughter). It reminds me of the famous oration of the great Chatham, who made a speech in the House of Commons, which he commenced with the word "Sugar, Mr. Speaker." When he was greeted with irreverent titters from the honourable members around him, he proceeded to reiterate with increased animation and anger the word "sugar," until eventually he ended by saying "sugar Mr. Speaker, who will laugh at sugar now?" It is in connection with the Financial Department of the Government of India that Sir James Westland's chief services have been rendered. He entered that Department as Under-Secretary in the year 1870. He became Accountant-General, Controller-general, Financial Secretary, and ultimately Financial Member of the Council in 1881. As Financial Member of the Council he devised a system of accounts which is the basis of the present financial organisation of the Government of India. In 1895 he converted the Indian Debt with the result of an annual saving of nearly fifty lakhs of rupees to the revenues of the State. For full five troublous years he has been Chancellor of the Exchequer of our Government, and during that time he has been a vigilant guardian of the public purse. (Applause). He has seen his lean years, but I suspect that sometimes in the night watches, like Pharoah of old a historical character to whom I would not compare him—(laughter)—except in this respect, that he has known sometimes how to harden his heart in the night watches. I am convinced he has seen visions of the fat years that were to come, and so it is that he now retires, I will not say in the odour of sanctity, because that is incompatible with the word finance (laughter); but at any rate in the comfortable atmosphere that is engendered by the production of a record surplus, and by the acclamations of a contented people (Applause). Ladies and gentlemen, there are no light services, and no man is capable of rendering such services who has not an equal familiarity wash with, with the conditions of India, and with the principles of finance. It is to my mind one of the proudest features of our system that we are enabled to enlist in the service of India the most capable intellects of our time, and among such men : no man assuredly has rendered more patriotic or more far-reaching services to the Government of India than our guest of this evening. (Applause). He has been, as I have said, a vigilant guardian of the public purse, but behind this almost impenetrable orthodoxy of his superficial aspect, there has been, if I may say so, a concealed temperament which was open to every petition of mercy, and never refused the dictates of common sense. (Applause). He now retires from the service of the Government of India, conscious of the great work which he has performed, by which his successors will profit. On behalf of the public service of this country, of which it is my pride to be the head, I acknowledge these great services. I bid "God-speed" to Sir James Westland as he leaves this coutry, and I hope that in another not less useful sphere India may continue to profit by the abilities which he has so freely spent upon her behalf (Applause). Mr. Chalmers has been for less time a member of the Indian Government, but any one who had even for the short time that I have done, his logical and trenchant utterances in the Legislative Council of the Government of India, or who has read the masculine record of opinions with which he favours us on paper, must be conscious of the fact that the strength goes out of the Government of India because of his departure. (Applause). He has now been summoned to England to draft the laws which a wise or unwise Parliament insists in impressing upon a happy or unhappy people. It is said that there is no Act of Parliament which is passed through which it is not possible to drive a coach and four. I believe that to be absolutely true, but in the presence of Mr. Chalmers it will only be gallant to assume that is the fault not of the lawyer but of the politicians. I hope that sometimes, in the sombre recesses of Whitehall, Mr. Chalmers, will look back upon the three years that he spent in listening to the manuscript eloquence of his colleagues in the Legislative Council of the Government of India —(laughter and applause)—that he will console himself for the bad laws, that he is called upon by Government to draft for the Parliament of England, by remembering the good laws that he drafted on his own responsibility for the Government of India. (Applause) Those, ladies and gentlemen, are two friends and colleagues to whom we are met here this evening to say farewell. Is it permissible for me to add in the case of Sir James Westland that we equally dedicate our gratitude and our respect to Lady Westland and to her two daughters—(applause)—who during the time they have been here have been made so many friends and will leave such happy memories. That if I cannot speak of the past or the present of Mr. Chalmers in tones of similar domestic enlorgy, it is yet to be hoped that in the more populous social clime to which he is about to revert, he will make amends in future. (Laughter and applause.) Ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to drink the health of our guests this evening. Sir James Westland and Mr. Chalmers. The toast was drunk very cordially, the band playing "For he's Jolly good Fellow.

THE MYSORE GOLD FIELDS PROSPECTING

KOLAR GOLD FIELD MARCH 24.

Mr. A. Llewellyn, of the Coromanded Mine, who retires next month, proceeds to England with the object of floating a strong Syndicate to prospect for gold in Wandhalli, Hyderabad, in regard to which proper y Mr. F. P. Grey, an expert of some reputation, made a very favourable report. Mr. Llewellyn also intends to apply for concessions to work the iron industry in the Shimoga and Kadur districts of the My sore Province.

Mr. Hajee Ismail Sait, of the English Warehouse on the Kolar Gold Fields, has also floated a Syndicate in England during his late visit, to prospect for gold to the west of the Champion Reef Mine. Machinery has been purchased and miners are engaged, and are only waiting the lease to be signed by the Dewan to carry out operations.

Miss Anstey, a philanthropic lady carrying on mission works and orphanages of her own in Bangalore and Kolar, and said to be a relative of the late Mr. Chisholm Anstey of Bombay fame, has purchased two villages in the Bowringpet taluq for Rs. 60,000, to prospect for gold for the benefit of her mission and orphanages.

The Hon'ble Mr. Hodgson, representing the planting community in the Madras Legislative Council and Resident Director of the Krishnarajpore mine on the Kolar Gold Field, has applied to be elected a member of the Mining Board to represent his Company. His application has been discussed and adjourned without arriving at any conclusion. The Board is chiefly composed of officers serving under John Taylor & Sons of London, who are managers of all the mines here, except Mysore West and Krishnarajpore. The Mysore West is represented by its Superintendent, Mr. Hodgson, and his election will be a tower of strength to the Board.

BOMBAY RACES.

NOTES AND ANTICIPATIONS.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

THE season is now rapidly drawing to a close, and the entries for to-morrow's events show a falling off, though they are satisfactory for this period of the year. It is impossible to expect ponies to keep running week after week without becoming stale or showing signs of work. The Dealers' Plate—a six-furlong sprint—will produce six good horses, of whom Spark stands at the head of the handicap with 9st. 4lbs. Alma, also a recent winner, is well taken care of with 8st. 12lbs Crest is in at a stone less than when he ran Spark within two lengths over a distance of five furlongs, and the extra furlong will suit him on Saturday. With 8st. 3lbs. on his back I fancy he will win, and Spark for a place.

A rather mixed lot will turn out for the Maiden Stakes, and of the eight Bawbee is at the head with 9st. 7lbs. She is a good animal and has shown consistent winning from this season, and despite her heavy burden I think the country bred mare will about win, those behind not being of much class. Liverpool at 8st. 6lbs. will probably run second and Rubdan third.

For the Worlee Plate—five furlongs—a handicap for 13-3 Arabs, nine have entered, Governor being allotted top weight of 9st. 8 lbs., with Gift in at the lowest impost of 6st. There are several animals remarkably well in, notably Nobleman, Magistrate and Centaur, and I think the winner will come from this trio, Nobleman for preference. Romeo has 7st. 7lbs. to carry, and with this absurdly light weight, if he elects to run kindly he can win in a canter, but it is impossible to rely on horses of his uncertain temperament.

The Mahaluxmi Plate will, I fancy, result in a match between Lady Yetman and Peerless, as I understand Fidgetts is not likely to see the post. Lady Yetman, who it will be remembered was not a little fancied for the Civil Service Cup, ought to be class enough to concede two stone to Peerless, who is only a little one. Lady Yetman is not looking very well, and I prefer to rely on Peerless for the winner.

A very open race is the new Galloway Plate for Arabs landed this season. There is an entry of eight, and amongst them are found animals who have already won on this course races for new importations. Repentance, Greyleg, and Munwar are all good, and the way in which Nimrod ran the other week makes it probable that he will pay his way. He may have come on during the past fortnight. I think the Aga Khan stable have the winner in the selected of Repentance and Greyleg, with Munwar and Nimrod for places. If there is an upset it will come from Nimrod.

There are nine entries for the Selling Race, the animals including Conqueror, entered to be sold for Rs. 1,000. Khazlie is another name which arrests attention, but he has not been in training lately which some what discounts his chances. Admiral is the third best, and they may possibly finish in the order named.

The Magada Cup will only see a field of five or six, despite the fact of their being eight entries. The winner should be Electric, with The Clown a good second.

The Dealers Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr Townsend's b aus g Spark 5 yrs 9st 4lbs
Messrs Cavanagh and Martin's b m Alma 13-3 1-2 8st 12lbs
Capt in Bean's bl aus m Antoinette 8st 5lbs
Mr Lyndon's ch aus g Crest 8st 5lbs
Mr G Hunter's br aus g Neglow 8st
Mr James's bl g Dakin 4 yrs 7st 10lbs

The Maiden Stake—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr J Mollison's b ch m Bawbee 9st 7lbs
Mr Mahomedally H Ismail's g g Rubdan 13-3 1-2 8st 13lbs
Captain Young's b ch m My Fancy 8st 10lbs
Mr A M Bushell's g g Liverpool 13-3 8st 5lbs
Mr Ali bin Amir's ch g Solidito 13-2 1-2 8st 4lbs
Mr Toobsida Tejpal's dun ch m Hurnee 14-9 7st 10lbs
Mr Lyndon's b g Royal 13-3 8st 5lbs
Mr P Fischer's ch g Hurlingham 6st 12lbs

New Galloway Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.

Aga S Shah's b g Reverm o late Repentance 13-3
Aga Mustapha Khan's g g Grey leg 13-2
Mr S A Wadia's g g Greyleg 13-0 1-2 9st 1lb
Mr Ali bin Amir's g g Nimrod 12-2 3-4
Mr Lyndon's b g Nimrod 13-3 1-2
Mr Fazulbhoy's g g Munwar 13-3 1-4
Mr Syed Rashid's g g Warrior Mahomed 13-2 3-4
Mr Ebraim Hajee Moosa's g g Bismilla 13-3 5 yrs

The Worlee Plate—Introduced with the noble Lord's approval.

Mr P Fischer's ch g Governor 9st 8lbs
Mr Mavalla Kassim's b g Magistrate 13-0 1-2 9st 1lb
Mr Bezonjee Pestonjee's b g Nobleman 8st 9lbs
Mr M Sidick's b g Magistrate 12-2 8st 5lbs
Mr Lyndon's b a m Centaur 11-2 8st 4lbs
Mr A M's b g Romeo 13-2 1-2 7st 7lbs
Mr Abdul Aziz bin Saif's g a g Analza 13-2 7st
Mr H A Jaffer's g g Gift 13-3 6st 11lbs
Mr S A W's b a g Gift 13-3 1-2 6st

The Mahaluxmi Plate—Distance 1-2 m ls.

Mr J B's ch aus m Lady Yetman 13-2 9st 10lbs
Mr Lyndon's bk c Old aus m Fidgetts 13-3 8st 5lbs
Mr H A Khaleelee's ch m Peerless 13-3 1-2 7st 8lbs
Mr Farm r's b aus p To nmy 13-1 (by wire) 7st 2lbs
Mr Jusufally Mahomedally's b a p Clever 13-1 5st 7lbs

Selling Race.—Distance 1 mile.

Mr Ali bin Talib's ch a p Kamil 13-2 Rs 600
Mr Hossin Kadir's g a p Bismilla 13-3 Rs. 600
Mr Fahad bin Sait's b g g Mood or 13-3 Rs. 600
Mr Abdul Aziz bin Saif's g a g Analza 13-2 Rs. 800
Mr Jackson's b a p Conqueror 13-2 Rs. 1,000
Mr Jassa's g a p Slipper 13-1 s s 800
Mr Mahomed Hajl Rhemtulla's g a Admiral 13 3-4 Rs. 600
Mr Lyndo s b a p Torpedo 13-2 Rs. 700
Mr Lyttleton's g a p Khazalio 13-2 Rs. 600

The "Maglala Cup"—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr Peer Bens's g a p The Clown 13-1 2-4
Captain Young's b m Nautch Girl 13-2
Mr Howard's g a p Novelty 13-2 5-4
Mr W M Macleod's g a p Murfas 13-2 3-4
Mr Percy Ben's g a p Electric 13-1 7-8
Captain Young's g a g Electric 13-3
Mr T V Birkett's g a p Ali Baba 12-1 1-2
Mr Lyndon's b a p Royal 13-2

THE POONA RACES.

The Poona programme for 16th, 19th, 21st, 23rd and 25th September gives a total of Rs. 62,000 added money being a net increase of Rs. 5,800 over last year. The closed race late the "Poona Gold Cup," now called "Poona Plate," is given Rs. 1,500, and this makes Rs. 7,800 additional added to the other races, which has been apportioned as follows :—The W. India Stakes for horses, now a handicap, receives 500, making in all 1,000. A new race, The Trial Stakes, Rs. 1300 for second class horses has been brought into the first day, distance 5 furlongs. The Ganeshkhind Stakes, for horses to be run over a mile (instead of 6 furlongs) on the 23rd, receives 1000 and will be worth Rs 2000. The distance of the Steward's Purse for horses run on second day is altered from one mile to 6 furlongs. The Poona handicap for horses and the Selling Race for horses each receives Rs. 300 making them worth Rs 1,300. In the class for all ponies 13-3 and under the Criterian receives Rs. 500 making it Rs. 2,000 and The Stand Plate Rs. 300 making it Rs. 1,300.

The Rs. 3,000 additional given to the Arab classes has been apportioned as follows :—To the Aga Khan's Purse for A. & C. Bs. 500, making it Rs. 2,000. To the Maiden Stakes for A. & C. B. ponies, 14 hands and under. Maidens 1st April Rs. 1,000, making it Rs. 2,500 (this race being originally the Maiden Galloways) To the Ghorpuri Stakes (Selling race) for Arabs 400 making it Rs. 1,000 To the Merchats Cup Rs. 300, making it Rs. 1,300 while all the Handicaps on the 4th and 5th days have been increased to the value of Rs. 1,300.

The Poona Steeplechases will be run on Monday, 18th and Wednesday, 20th September, and the programme will be issued shortly.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY 12TH EXTRA MEETING.

TO-DAY,

TIME AND ORDER OF RUNNING.

1st RACE	The Mahaluxmi Plate	3-15 P.M.
2nd "	The Maiden Stakes	3-45 "
3rd "	Selling Race	4-15 "
4th "	New Galloway Plate	4-45 "
5th "	The Dealer's Plate	5-10 "
6th "	The Worlee Plate	5-40 "
7th "	The "Magdali Cup"	6-5 "

A SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES—

	Local Time.
Colaba	2-35 P.M.
Church Gate	2-40 "
Grant Road	2-51 "
Arrives Mahaluxmi	2-56 "

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

ANGLO-ITALIAN RELATIONS.

REPORTED OFFER TO CEDE ERYTHREA.

THE "Gazetta del Popolo" of March 10 publishes a statement upon the relations existing between England and Italy.

In regard to China, the "Gazetta del Popolo" says that England and Italy are in complete accord, while the understanding has also been reached on the Erythrea question. The "Gazetta" adds that Italy will cede Erythrea to England, which in return will vigorously support the Italian demands in China.

It is denied at Peking that a detachment of Italians has been landed at Sanmun. Two Italian men-of-war are at present in Sanmun Bay. The information to hand from Rome indicates a determination on the part of the Italian Government to be satisfied with nothing less than the concessions originally demanded. At the same time it is confidently anticipated that the Yamên will accede to the demand without the necessity of an Ultimatum. Japan is believed to be supporting China to resist the Italian claims. According to Reuter's special service telegram : In answer to Sir Claude MacDonald's Note in support of the Italian demands, the Tsung-li-Yamen stated that they declined on any grounds to negotiate or discuss the matter, and they begged Sir Claude MacDonald to use his influence to persuade his Italian colleagues to desist from further action in regard to the claims put forward.

The "Neue Freie Presse" learns from a diplomatic source that Austria-Hungary intends to occupy part of the Chinese coast under the same conditions as those granted to other Powers. It is for this purpose that the ironclead "Empress Elizabath" was lately sent to Eastern Asia.

In a St. Petersburg letter to the "Politische Correspondenz," in which the false report about the Czar's health is again refuted, occurs the following interesting passage :—"The Emperor Nicholas is one of the most assiduous workers of the Russian rulers of this century, comparable in this respect only with his great-grandfather, Nicolas I., and his father, Alexander III. He is, indeed, the most laborious and exact functionary of his empire, and devotes the better part of the day to State affairs and representative duties. It is a common saying at the Russian Court that the Czar takes the Emperor Francis Joseph as his model, a fact which implies the perfection of the sense of duty."

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MARCH 10.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION AT HOME

ALL the talk of the moment is of the coming Budget and how the Chancellor of the Exchequer will meet the deficit that he has to face during the present year and the possibly still larger one of next year. I happened to meet Sir Michael Hicks-Beach in St James's Park a day of two ago, and he was looking very far from cheerful. This was before the truth became known about the large increase in the Navy Estimates on which Mr. Goschen discoursed with his accustomed lucidity, last night, but with perhaps a trifle less than the accustomed enthusiasm, to a deeply interested and crowded House. This increase, necessary though it may be, is not calculated to cheer the spirits either of the Ministry or its supporters, and although it is rather rash to indulge at this stage in predictions, there are people to be met with who express the belief that this Government will "go out on finance." The proposal started by a daily financial organ that the difficulty should be overcome by taxing sugar, does not find universal or even considerable favour, and as the *Times* pointedly reminds the Government an addition of a penny to the Income-tax is out of the question. The "St. James's Gazette," which at first was inclined to coquet with the idea of a sugar-tax, has now dropped it definitely and plumps for its own scheme of a suspension of the New Sinking Fund accompanied by a restoration of the tobacco duty which nobody demanded, and from which apparently nobody has benefited except the manufacturer, and perhaps the retail dealer. Although everybody would like the mystery attending Lord Salisbury's expression of profound regret to M. Cambon to be cleared up, the Muscat incident, though strongly revived for a few days by M. Delcasse's speech, seems to be fading away without leaving any serious marks of injury on Her Majesty's Government. Whatever blame may attach to the Home Government, and some day it will be discovered that Lord Salisbury has changed his attitude, it is perhaps counterbalanced by the more hopeful news from China. Russia has given way about the Niu-chwang Loan, apparently because of the firm stand taken by our Foreign Office. The Opposition as the new Liberal leader has been declaring at Hull seems to be eager for the fray, but it must be confessed that the conference of the National Liberal Fed ration has been a rather tame affair. It was only relieved from distress by the rather unexpected way in which Sir HenryCampbell Bannerman brought the question of Home Rule again to the fore. He reaffirms his belief in HomeRule, and only says that the Liberal party cannot promise to give such a measure priority over all other "items" of the Liberal programme. It is true that Mr. Asquith and others have said something of the same kind before. But Sir H. Campbell Bannerman's speech of Wednesday night goes beyond any previous declarations of Liberal statesmen, of late and confirms the belief that Sir William Harcourt's successor is making a strong bid for the Premiership. His chance may come sooner than is expected, but Mr. Causton hardly showed the caution we look for in a whip when he said at a Federation meeting, yesterday, that it was "probable" the Government would be compelled to go to the country this year or early next.

MR. J. M. MACLEAN, M.P., AND LORD GEORGE HAMILTON.

There was a funny little scene in the House of Commons, this afternoon. Our champion Protectionist, Sir Howard Vincent, asked the Secretary of State for India if the Government of India had with his approval determined to levy a countervailing duty on the importation of foreign bounty-fed sugar. Lord George Hamilton's reply, which was of course in the affirmative, was received with loud cheers from the Ministerialists. When the cheering subsided, Mr. Maclean, who must have imperfectly heard the terms of Sir Howard Vincent's question, rose and asked if the Bill had been introduced with the noble Lord's approval. The noble Lord curtly replied : "I have already said so." Thereupon Mr. Maclean asked whether the noble Lord would submit this change of policy for the approval of the House of Commons ? (Cheers from below the gangway on the Liberal side.) "I have more than once," observed Lord George Hamilton, "told my hon. friend that I have no intention whatever of interfering with the independence of the local legislature," and he was cheered by Ministerialists as he resumed his seat. "Does the noble Lord," retorted Mr. Maclean, "remember how he interfered with that independence in the case of the cotton duties ?" This question which scarcely called for a reply, and did not receive one, gave huge delight to the Opposition, as might be expected. I hear that Mr. Maclean a few days after his return to England was closeted for about an hour with Lord Salisbury at the Foreign Office.

LORD CLAUD HAMILTON AND THE GOVERNMENT.

Lord George Hamilton as a member of the present Cabinet must find the action of his brother, Lord Claud Hamilton, slightly embarrassing. All the Hamiltons are Conservatives and Conservatives of that pronounced type so often found amongst Irishmen and Scotsmen. The head of the family, the Duke of Abercorn, is as staunch in his political convictions as the most devoted Tory could wish. Lord George is nothing, if he is not a party man. And so was his brother Lord Claud, until the other day. But he now announces that he can no longer support the present Government, and he intimates to the Conservatives of North Kensington that they must look out for another gentleman to occupy the position of President of their Association. In regard to foreign, Indian and colonial affairs, Lord Claud has no complaint to make against her Majesty's heterogeneous advisers ; what disgusts him is their home policy. He finds fault first of all for their action, now positively regretted by themselves, in reducing the tobacco duty ; then he alludes vaguely to the "fresh attacks upon capital" that have already commenced in the current session ; and finally upbraids the "flabby" Conservative party in the House of Commons for swallowing "that sinful Act of last session in regard to vacination." He proceeds :—"My patience was exhausted on the passing of that sinful Act of last Session in regard to vaccination. Lord Beaconsfield, the founder of the present Conservative party, taught us nothing more earnestly than that the health of the people must always be one of the first considerations of the Conservative party, and his robust common sense, unswayed by philosophical misgivings, would have recoiled from placing the stamp of our party upon an Act for the virtual repeal of vaccination. The full effect of that measure will not be felt for some years to come, but I believe many Conservatives will live to regret the day when they were parties to its enactment. Thus it comes that I cannot, having regard to my convictions, conscientiously support the present Government so long as this Act remains unrepealed or unamended." But it seems that the conscience clause was not really the last straw. Lord George's member, Mr. W. E. Thompson Sharpe, has let the cat out of the bag. A year has elapsed since the passing of the "sinful Act," only a week has elapsed since Mr. Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade, introduced his Bill to compel the railway companies to adopt automatic couplings in order to diminish the number of accidents amongst their employes. Lord Claud, Mr. Sharpe reminds us, is chairman of the Great Eastern Railway, and he "resents the introduction of such proposals without the great railways of the metropolis having first been taken into the confidence of the Board of Trade."

MR. H. A. ACWORTH ON LEPROSY IN INDIA.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for India, Lord Onslow, presided at a meeting of the Indian Section of the Society of Arts, yesterday when your former energetic Municipal Commissioner, Mr. H. A. Acworth, C.I.E., read his paper on "Leprosy in India." The very distinguished audience included besides many well known Bombayites, Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, F.R.S., Dr. Abraham, Secretary of the Prince of Wales' Leprosy Committee, Prof. W. J. Simpson, M.D., Dr. Cuntlie, and other eminent members of the medical profession. A after a lucid narrative of the establishment of the Matoonga Asylum, Mr. Acworth exposed the singular mistake made by Sir John. then Mr. Woodburn, when in the Viceregal Legislative Council he declared that that institution was built by the Government of Bombay out of funds contributed by your philanthropic citizen, Sir Dinshaw Petit. The lecturer pointed out that the real peculiarity which differentiated Matoonga from all other asylums, and which furnished first Bengal, and then the Supreme Government, with an administrative model, was that the principle of compulsion was in it first applied. There had been said even scores of leper asylums for years all over India, but none of them had brought this great question an inch nearer to solution. The Matoonga Asylum solved it, and did so in the teeth of the medical profession. He certainly seemed to evoke the sympathies of bishearers when he not unprofitably observed that he could not peruse Sir W. Woodburn's speech without some feeling of astonishment, and that he had a right to expect that his services to India in this connection would not have been so completely forgotten. In passing he paid a tribute to the name of Dr. Vandyke Carter and quoted that great authority in support of segregation, pointing out that when he first expressed his approval of that system, he was not as he subsequently became a believer in the diffusion of this terrible malady by contagion. Voluntary isolation in India Mr. Acworth pronounced impracticable and useless. "Neither intelligent appreciation of its advantages nor a sense of obligation to society can be expected where education and anything resembling a high standard of civilisation are so meagrely diffused." The only resources open to Government is to make isolation compulsory if it is to be resorted to at all. This is what has now been done, the application being confined to "pauper lepers." Although Mr. Acworth was a thorough believer in the heredity of leprosy when he segregated the sexes at Matoonga, he admitted at the Imperial Institute, last evening, that if he were establishing an asylum now, he should be in a difficulty on this point. He does not he pointed out, in the least believe now in heredity as a "working hypothesis," that is to say, in the hereditary transmission of leprosy. In conclusion, he observed :—"Some years must pass before the candid observer in search of truth will be in any position to judge of the value of the coercive action which has now been applied to Her Majesty's Indian Empire, and it will be for a future generation to discover and appraise its full benefit. The writer has no more doubt, not only that the measures which have been taken are wise and beneficent in themselves, but that they are the sure and certain prelude to the final extirpation of leprosy, than he has of the movements of the planets round the sun. He has already had occasion to remark—and he hopes he may be excused for repeating it, and with some pain—that his personal services in the cause have been as completely forgotten as if they had never been ; but he believes that the future historian of India will, in the category of India's debt to England, place these measures for dealing with leprosy in the same rank as those by which Suttee and Thuggee were suppressed. But that historian will never know, for those who could have told him will have passed away, that the wise and humane policy by which the most awful of human diseases was conquered and swept away, was born, its feasibility proved, and its efficacy established in a little institution known as the Matoonga Asylum."

VIEWS OF MEDICAL EXPERTS AND OTHERS.

The discussion was opened by Dr. Abraham, who ought to have been member of the Leprosy Commission that went out to India some years ago, and I believe he would have been if the Government had not shown such a niggardly spirit. The terms offered to the members of the Commission—£500 for a year's service—were not to tempt the leading experts, and necessarily the conclusions arrived at by the less experienced men engaged did not carry the weight that ought to attach to the view of such a body. Dr. Abraham, though he does not see eye to eye with Mr. Acworth, admitted the importance of the work carried out by him in Bombay, and expressed surprise that his services should not have been acknowledged by the higher authorities. As to the general question Dr. Abraham reminded us that we do not yet know how the poison of leprosy is inoculated, and that this problem remains to be solved. Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson followed with a very interesting contribution, which was none the less valuable because it was read from carefully prepared notes. He also admitted Mr. Acworth's claims to recognition, but could not accept that gentleman's conclusions. Leprosy, Mr. Hutchinson remarked, is universally prevalent ; it is the same disease in all parts of the world ; it affects all races and all classes, rich and poor ; it has no connection with poverty or dirt, and—it is not contagious. Its cause, in Mr. Hutchinson's opinion, is a certain article of food—uncooked fish ; and he declares that the evidence to that effect is "overwhelming."

Mr. Herbert Birdwood, C. S. I., who was the next speaker, commenced by saying that few would withhold their sympathies from Mr. Acworth in the circumstances narrated by him, or would blame him for placing before the meeting the facts relating to the establishment of the Matunga Asylum. The speaker went on to observe that it was undoubtedly a courageous act on Mr. Acworth's part in the conflicting state of scientific opinion as to the advantages or even the possibility of segregation thus to start an institution in which the segregation of lepers was to be compulsory. He was not indeed without the warrant of strong scientific opinion in support of the action taken by him, but he was the first to put the question to a practical test. No doubt the action taken by him had been adopted in view of administrative considerations rather than on strictly medical grounds, but there could be no question that the inmates of the Matunga Asylum had benefited in health, and their state was infinitely better now than at any previous time. Mr. Birdwood further expressed the hope that the time would come when leper farms which had been recommended by competent advisers would be established in selected districts throughout India. Lepers suffering from black leprosy ought to be withdrawn from large towns. Employment on agriculture and horticulture could not fail to improve their general health and to cheer their last years, so far as that was possible. Leper farms were also needed in Burmah, Cyprus and elsewhere, and it was satisfactory to know that the question of their establishment in India had been engaging the attention of the Government. But, said Mr. Birdwood, whatever further measures might be developed, Mr. Acworth should be assured that the good work done by him in Bombay would not soon be forgotten. He was one of a succession of administrative officers drawn from the ranks of the Indian Civil Service, who had filled with eminent success the position of Municipal Commissioner of Bombay and had helped to bring the Municipality to the forefront of municipal institutions in India. Mr. Acworth would certainly in reference to the good work done by him in Bombay be the first to exult in the proud boast that among the servants of the Queen of all grades and departments in British India there were "five hundred good as he." Still to him had fallen the privilege of accomplishing a special work of beneficence, the value of which could not be estimated too highly. It was as fine work as any that had been done in the last ten years, signalised though some of these years had been by noble effort in the contest with famine and pestilence. The discussion was closed by Sir Lewis Dyke Ibbetson, Secretary, British Guiana), who spoke of the manner in which lepers are dealt with in that part of her Majesty's dominions. With respect to the contagi

of Commons this afternoon, down to the words, "we expressed no disapproval of the action of our Agent," which, indeed, was taken under our instructions," the following semi-official French comment is issued here to-night:—

It should be pointed out that, contrary to what has just been stated in the House of Commons by the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the act of the Sultan of Muscat conceding to France a piece of land to be used as a coal depot does not carry the right to hoist the French flag nor the liberty to build fortifications; and in declaring that the Government had not expressed disapproval of the action of its Agent, the Under-Secretary of State has not denied that it admitted the incorrectness of the proceedings, and that it expressed profound regret for it.

The "Standard" observes:—"M. Delcasse permitted himself a certain dexterity of treatment which has, in fact, led to a misapprehension." "Dexterity of treatment" is an amusing euphemism.

The "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Paris, as to M. Delcasse's reference to an apology, says:—

It is quite possible that he used the word "regret" inadvertently and in a general sense. Referring to this very matter on Sunday evening I remarked that the little soreness felt by this Government had been effectively healed by Lord Salisbury's conciliatory and friendly assurances, and this is believed to be the precise position of the case. Nor have I since had any reason to modify my view. From all that I now gather I do not imagine for a moment that M. Delcasse meant to imply that an apology had been tendered. The expression was employed rather loosely and without an idea that its significance might be exaggerated or distorted, and that was all. A cordial talk, in fact, practically settled the whole business.

The "Times," moralising on the incident, points out that the (apparent) latitude accorded to Agents abroad is peculiar to the French and Russian Governments.

We have urged repeatedly—even in the very height of the Fashoda excitement—that a friendly understanding between this country and the Republic is essential to the well-being of both and to the cause of peace. Such an understanding, however, is impossible if we are constantly confronted with the irresponsible actions of French Agents who "exceed their instructions," but whom it is inconvenient for the Quai d'Orsay to disavow. It is very rare indeed in modern times for an English representative to take any step involving diplomatic contingencies without the most express orders from the Foreign Office. What is the exception in England appears to be the rule in France, and we may add, in Russia, and until this irregular system of irresponsible agencies is abandoned there can be no hope of permanent understandings. The occurrence of this disagreeable incident at the present moment is the more to be regretted because, as we were able to announce some days ago, the relations between the two countries had become more cordial than at any period since the death of M. Gambetta.

ARRIVALS BY THE MAIL STEAMER.

A JEWEL CASE MISSED.

Amongst the passengers, who arrived in Bombay from Europe by the P. and O. Company's steamship Caledonia, yesterday morning, were Mr. Dawkins, the new Financial member of the Viceroy's Council; Mr. Thomas Raleigh, the newly appointed legal member to the Viceroy's Council and Misses Daesy and Nina Leiter, the two sisters of Lady Curzon, who were accompanied by Mrs. Lawrence, wife of Mr. W. R. Lawrence, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy. Immediately after the steamship Caledonia had dropped anchor off the Apollo Bunder, Captain S. Goodridge, R. N., director of the Royal Indian Marine put out in the Government steam launch Wren and went on board the steamer. Shortly after Captain Goodridge escorted the two Misses Leiter ashore. On landing, the party was met by Mr. Lawrence, the Private Secretary to Lord Curzon, who had especially arrived here to meet them. Last night the two ladies, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs Lawrence left for Kalka enroute to Simla by the Jubulpore mail. During their brief stay in Bombay, Lady Curzon's sisters and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence were guests of Captain Goodridge, at his bungalow in the Government Dock-yard. Mr Raleigh also left last night for Simla, breaking the journey at Aleghad, while Mr Dawkins left for Calcutta.

It is reported that during the removal of the Misses Leiter's luggage, a jewel case was missing, the matter was placed in the hands of the police, and it was ultimately discovered amongst other luggage, having been carried to Government House, Malabar Point.

THE NEXT PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—The music lovers in Bombay will be glad to see that the Philharmonic Society is giving one more concert next Tuesday evening, under the baton of Colonel Martin. The programme certainly is the finest that has ever been put before the Bombay public, and all the lovers of good music will join with the members of the society in their regret that this is Colonel Martin's farewell concert.

He has worked music up to a height in Bombay which all thought impossible, and now we all ask: "Who will take his place—who can take his place?" I hope that everyone will show their appreciation of the musical work Colonel Martin has done by filling the hall on Tuesday evening, when Beethoven's fifth symphony and Brahm's wonderful "Song of Resting" are to be given. It is an interesting fact that this is the first time—as far as I know—that a Beethoven orchestral symphony has been performed in India. Some people feel that the concert should not have been given in Holy Week, but I understand it was impossible to get the hall earlier, and as many members of the band and orchestra are just leaving Bombay, it was impossible to give it later, but surely such music may be performed at any time.—Yours, &c.,

A MEMBER.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam (Fitzgerald's) translated by Elward Heron Allen (Bernard Quaritch, London).

The Mahabharata, translated into English rose, edited by S. C. Mukhopadhaya. Part I. (Calcutta, 20, Grey Street).

Maha Bharata, The Epic of Ancient India, Condensed into English verse by Romesh Dutt, C.I.E. (J. M. Dent & Co., 29 & 30, Bedford St., London).

Swallow, A Tale of the Great Trek, by H. Rider Haggard (Longmans, Green & Co., 39, Paternoster Row, London).

Bridge, A Rambling Treatise on the Game of Bridge, with the Laws thereof, by Resi (Nilgiri News Press, Ootacamund).

Poems, including In Memoriam, by Alfred Lord Tennyson (Macmillan & Co.).

One of the Gresvilles, by S. R. Lysaght (Macmillan & Co.).

The Treasury Officer's Wooing, by Cecil Lowis (Macmillan & Co.).

The Plague in India, an Appeal, by C. Godfrey Gumpel (Swan Sonnenschein & Co., and Thacker & Co.).

THE MURDER AT BANDORA.

COMMITTAL OF THE ACCUSED.

On Thursday, Mr. W. C. Shepherd, First Assistant Collector, commenced enquiry at Gorebunder, near Bassein, into the case in which two Parsee lads, named Cooverji Nusserwanji Koyajee and Dinshaw Dorabwalla, stand charged with having murdered Mothabhoy, a Hindu lad, at Bandora, on the 4th instant. The facts of the case have already been reported.

Mr. Gulabchand, of the firm of Messrs. Edgelow, Gulabchand and Wadia, appeared on behalf of the first accused, Cooverji. Mr. Abaji Sakharam Mate, of the District Police, watched the case on behalf of the Crown; and Mr. Merwanji Saklatwalla, solicitor, watched the proceedings on behalf of the family of the deceased.

The second accused, who turned Queen's evidence gave evidence disclosing how the murder was committed. He said he was asked by the first accused to purchase a knife, and was present when the murder was committed by him.

Mr. G. Pogson, District Superintendent of Police, Thana, also gave evidence pointing to where the knife was purchased to commit the deed. It was disclosed that the knife was purchased from Mahomed Haji Giga, at Juma Musjid.

Mr. John Siqueira, a Manicpal Inspector, identified the accused, and said that he met him and the deceased on the day previous to the murder on the Bandora Hill Road.

Pema Rutton, a coolie, and Shana Murab, a hamal of Mr. B. Morris, gave evidence as to what they knew about the case. Pemma, a dealer in aerated waters, was also examined.

Sulleman Haji Essak, dealer in cutlery, when examined, said he remembered the second accused having come to his shop and purchased a knife, which he wrapped up in a brown paper and handed over to him.

Mahomed Hajee Giga, a servant of Sulleman Hajee Essak, said he sold the knife to the second accused for six annas, and identified him. He produced a similar knife before the Court to the one sold.

At this stage, the enquiry was adjourned till yesterday.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The case was resumed yesterday, when further evidence was recorded by Mr. Shepherd. After recording some further evidence, the Magistrate asked the accused whether he wished to make any statement in regard to the charge of murder laid against him. The accused replied that he knew nothing about the murder. On the evening in question he proceeded from Bombay to Baudora, and visited a friend's shop. Thence he proceeded with two of his friends to the house of one of them. He then went home, took his dinner with the family, and retired to bed.

The Magistrate framed charges against the accused, and committed him to take his trial before the Sessions Judge, Mr. Moksin Badrudin Tyebji.

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THE CHINESE CRISIS ENDED.

RUSSIAN OBJECTIONS WITHDRAWN.

PROSPECT OF A PERMANENT AGREEMENT.

Reuter on March 10 practically assured us that the Anglo-Russian Crisis in the Far East is at an end, thus justifying the attitude and tone of Mr. Brodrick in the House of Commons. We are also glad to learn that there is likewise a prospect of the Governments of the Queen and the Czar fixing their relations in the Far East permanently on a more friendly and workable basis.

Reuter's Agent at Peking telegraphs: The Tsung-li Yamen has received a telegram from the Chinese Minister in St. Petersburg stating that as a result of the negotiations between the Russian and British Governments the Russian Minister in Peking, M. de Giers, will withdraw his protest against the Northern Extension loan contract with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

The *Daily Graphic* said on March 10: "The Niuchwang Loan Contract crisis has been amicably settled by a direct exchange of views between the British and Russian Governments. The object of M. de Giers's protest had been much exaggerated, and the friendly assurances given by the Russian Government on the subject have proved completely satisfactory. The whole difficulty is now at an end, and the two Governments are giving their attention to a scheme by which their relations in the Far East may be permanently regulated." Oddly enough, the *Graphic* adds: "Nothing is known in official circles, either British or Russian, of the alleged renewal of M. de Giers's protest reported from Peking."

STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT.

Replying to a question by Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett, in the House of Commons Mr. Brodrick said: So far as we are aware, the protest of the Russian Minister at Peking, against the conditions of the Chinese North-Eastern Railway Extension Loan, has not been renewed. It is understood that his representations to the Chinese Government were made with the object of calling their attention to the tendency which it appeared to the Russian Government had been displayed in the loan agreement of not keeping to their prior engagements with Russia, and not with the object of opposing the conclusion of a loan in England for the construction of the railway.

Asked by Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett whether the Russian Government had withdrawn their objection to the conditions in the two principal details—namely, the objections to a British engineer and to a chartered accountant, Mr. Brodrick asked for notice of the question.

Questioned by Mr. Yerburgh and Mr. Bowles as to the assurances given to China by Sir Claude MacDonald in July, and by Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords to the effect that her Majesty's Government would support the Chinese Government against any Power which committed an act of aggression upon China because China had granted to a British subject permission to make or support any railway or public work, Mr. Bordrick said: There has been no modification of the undertaking announced in the Houses of Lords by Lord Salisbury, and in the House of Commons by Mr. Curzon on August 2, 1898, but it is not anticipated that any question regarding it will arise in respect to the Northern Railway extension.

The day before this a home paper wrote: In a sentence, Lord Salisbury is represented as having intimated to China that she will "merit retributory measures" if she repudiates, under Russian pressure, the conditions of the Northern Railway loan contract which the Tsung-li Yamen have made with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank; and, on the other hand, to have assured the Tsung-li Yamen that if maintenance of good faith on China's part in the matter should bring upon her the heavy hand of Russia, England will rally to her assistance.

While Russia, the well-informed correspondent of the *Times* at Peking tells us, "insists upon the revision of the Railway Contract," England on her part "has renewed her emphatic declaration that the contract cannot be altered."

So the matter stands; with the menace and the promise to China which Sir Claude MacDonald conveyed on Friday, to the Tsung-li Yamen outstanding.

Mr. Brodrick's disclaimer of "control" over the line in dispute means what it appears to mean, it is somewhat doubtful whether the debenture-holders will think the security worth fighting for. This railway, for reasons that we explain elsewhere, is not of very great intrinsic importance, and it should be possible to transfer the loan on the portion outside the Great Wall of China to other objects in regard to which the Government could give a real guarantee. The financiers, at all events, have nothing to gain from a conflict with Russia, and we can hardly doubt that they will be prepared to assist the Government to find a solution which will save everybody's face and secure the peace.

The games going on in Pekin, if we may believe the correspondents, cannot be regarded without concern. It might be supposed from the last account that the Government had left all the issues in the hands of the Yamen, with power to involve ourselves and the Russians in a conflict at any moment convenient to them. If, therefore, the "Daily Graphic" is rightly informed in saying that direct negotiations are being conducted between Lord Salisbury and Baron Staal in London, it is the best news of the day.

The Ministerial papers, meanwhile, began to take a threatening line. The "Standard," for instance, said: "Sir Claude MacDonald's intimation is plain speaking, and we congratulate Lord Salisbury on the policy which has dictated it; for we cannot suppose that our Representative used this emphatic language without express instructions from his official superiors. We are entitled to conjecture that the Chinese Question was discussed at yesterday's Cabinet Council, and that the Prime Minister had the complete approval of his colleagues in taking up an attitude of uncompromising firmness. It cannot be said that our diplomacy, through all the phases of the Chinese Question, has erred on the side of resolution or definiteness of purpose. But we rejoice to think that here at length, when faced with a clear issue, the Government have determined to vindicate British interests. They do not shrink from intimating the extreme steps will be taken should these become necessary. Unless the hint as to 'retributory measures' is a mere *bruttum fulmen*, we must infer that the Minister's Ultimatum may be followed up by something stronger than words, if, unhappily, the occasion should arise. It is needless, at the moment, to speculate as to the precise kind of satisfaction which her Majesty's Government might exact from that of the Dowager-Empress; but we must assume that the question has been carefully considered by the Government, and that a plan of action has been adopted in outline, in case Sir Claude MacDonald's remonstrance should fail of its effect. The Government, in taking this energetic line, will undoubtedly have the support of the country."

The *Berlin correspondent of the Figaro* telegraphed: "In well informed circles there is a belief that Germany contemplates some early move in China. A distinct coolness has sprung up in her relations with Russia."

Lord Charles Beresford has reached London at an interesting and important moment. His view of the situation he thus graphically and briefly expressed to one of his interviewers: "There is only one thing to do and that is to maintain the policy of the open door. If we don't have that policy and if we join in for spheres of influence, we shall drift into war. 'Spheres of influence means' every country grabbing something for itself, and if all the Powers begin grabbing land in China they are bound to quarrel, and war will be the result. I am convinced that we can keep China on her feet, if we do not go in for the policy of every nation grasping territory for itself."

WHAT A CHINESE AUTHORITY SAYS.

In conversation with a *Westminster* representative, a high authority on Chinese affairs expressed himself inevitably alarmed at the turn events had taken in the East. "If the message sent by Sir Claude Macdonald," he observed, "be treated to mean literally what it says, if there is nothing behind the scenes—and I am inclined to think there is not—then the situation between England and Russia is most strained, and I fear for the consequences. It amounts almost, if not qtite, to an Ultimatum; the question as to whether Russia will or will not yield to the demand made on her to cease interference is the all-absorbing one. Personally, I must frankly admit the chances are against her doing so. That she is armed to the teeth in Eastern waters there is no doubt whatever; almost simultaneously with the Czar's Peace Rescript her Navy was strengthened and her sea-forces overhauled."

"Which side would China take? you ask. China is a very poor judge of party, but she resents bad bargains. She is like a giddy child who has stepped out into the world for the first time, possessed with ideas of progress and better ways, but unable, through lack of funds, to purchase any of the accessories of modern advancement, even if she knew how to use them. Hence this giving of a great snatch-feast, with the Powers as guests; the principal fingers have dipped into the Chinaman's coal-and-railway pie, some have taken what they wanted, others want what they can't get, and the poor relations are being invited to join in the deal to pip up the breadcrumbs.

"The end of the game must come before very long. Perhaps it will arrive before many expect it. China will only remain faithful to the contract she has with Great Britain if she is certain in her own mind that England will not leave her in the lurch when trouble comes, and that her guardian is equal to the task of defending the ward against powerful and dispotic suitors. People seem to forget that China even has a 'say' in the whole controversy. One need point out nothing further respecting the importance of allowing China some voice than by asking which nation's army would be better served by the Celestial people on their own territory should war at any time break out? You must not forget to answer that.

"I believe that Lord Salisbury inquired of Russia what they were doing before he instructed Sir C. MacDonald to issue his message. This means that the Czar's answer was of an unsatisfactory and unrelenting nature."

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INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

THE SURPLUS IN INDIA.

In the House of Commons on Thursday March 2, Sir W. Wedderburn asked whether, seeing that a large surplus was anticipated in the forthcoming Indian Budget, the provincial governments would have returned to them the balances they had to surrender to the supreme Government under financial pressure in former years; would the Salt Tax be reduced to the rate current in 1834-35; and could some reduction in Import Duties imposed under the plea of financial pressure be granted.

Lord G Hamilton: The Indian financial statement will be made on the 20th of this month. The hon member must, I think, be aware that I cannot anticipate it, as I should do if I were to answer his questions.

INDIAN RAILWAY EXTENSIONS AND PROJECTS.

Mr. Price asked the Secretary of State for India: Whether there is available any list or statement showing the Indian railway extensions already sanctioned, with the localities, aggregate mileage, and estimated cost of such extensions; whether a statement can be made at an early date of such further railway projects as are likely to be included in the forecasts for the financial year, with an estimate of the capital outlay thereon; and whether lists and estimates can also be given of the chief projects in hand and under consideration for water storage and irrigation in the different presidencies.

Lord G. Hamilton: At page 88 et seq. of the Administration Report for 1897-98, which has been laid before Parliament, will be found a statement of the capital expenditure on the various railways to Dec. 31, 1897, and at page 98 et seq. of the Financial Statement for 1898-99, the proposed grants for extensions in subsequent years.

It is probable that the Financial Statement, which will be made on March 20 and which will be subsequently laid before Parliament, will include the programme of further railway projects and irrigation works on which money will be spent in the coming year.

With regard to irrigation works, I may also refer the hon. member to page 12 of the Appendix to the Explanatory Memorandum presented by me last year.

LASCARS AND THE P. AND O. STEAMERS.

On March 3 Mr. J. H. Wilson asked the President of the Board of Trade if he was aware that the President of the Board of Agriculture, replying for the President of the Board of Trade on Aug. 8, 1898, stated that the Board of Trade were considering the question raised with regard to accommodation for Lascars in order to ascertain precisely the state of the law; and whether nothing had been done in this matter until a few days ago: and whether he could explain why no steps were taken to fulfil the promise given to the House by the President of the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Ritchie: Yes, Sir; I am quite aware of the terms of the reply given to the hon. member's question on Aug. 8 last by my right hon friend, and the Board of Trade have taken, and are taking, every possible step to fulfil the promise then made.

Mr. Wilson further asked the President of the Board of Trade if he was aware that upon Aug 8 1898 the President of the Board of Agriculture, replying for the President of the Board of Trade, stated that in every case of a violation of section 210 of the Merchant Shipping Act the Board of Trade disallowed the deduction from tonnage; and whether, although the P. and O. steamship Australia did not comply with that section of the Act, she was allowed to sail without the deduction from tonnage being disallowed.

Mr. Ritchie: Yes, sir, my right hon. friend quite correctly stated the position in replying to the hon. member's question on Aug. 5 last, and the general instructions to the Board of the Trade surveyors are to disallow deductions from tonnage when sect. 210 of the Merchant Shipping Act is not complied with. But, as I explained fully to the House last night, a conflict has arisen between the Imperial and the Indian law on this subject, and pending its settlement a deduction was not insisted upon in the case of the Australia.

ACCOMMODATION FOR SEAMEN ON BOARD SHIP.

On March 6 Mr. Havelock Wilson asked the Secretary of State for India if he could state whether a Bill was submitted to Indian Governments in 1893, having for its object the increase of accommodation on board ship of seamen employed on the coast of India to seventy-two cubic feet of space per person, and whether this proposal was abandoned in consequence of the opposition of the P. and O. Steam Shipping Company; and whether a copy of this Bill with the petition submitted against it by the P. and O. Company, would be laid upon the table of the House.

Lord G. Hamilton: No Bill on this subject was submitted in 1893; Bills were put forward in 1892and 1895, but neither of them contained any proposal for an increase of the cubic space allowed to each Lascar seaman under the Indian law. The question had previously been carefully considered by the Government of India, who had placed the subject before a select committee for consideration; but the select committee decided against making the change in the Bill which was then contemplated.

MUSCAT.

Sir C. Dilke: I beg to ask the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a question of which I have given him private notice, and which I believe he is ready to answer—namely, whether the Government desire to make any modification in the recent statement on the House with regard to the affairs of Muscat, and whether it is the case that her Majesty's Government have expressed to France their profound regret at recent occurrences.

Mr. Brodrick: Perhaps the House will allow me to answer this question at some little length. The circumstances of the Muscat case are as follows:—In the middle of March of last year the French Agent obtained from the Sultan of Muscat the lease or concession of a piece of land to be used as a coal-depot. On the land so ceded, which was in a small harbour, some way from Muscat, the French Government would have been at liberal to hoist its flag and to build fortifications. No hint of these proceedings reached the British Agent until this year. As soon as they were known, they were at once declared by the British Government to be contrary to the treaty of 1892 and to the Sultan's special obligations to the British Government in respect of the assignment or alienation of any part of his territories. And the Sultan was required to cancel the lease. This he did, and the lease has been annulled. We expressed no disapproval of the action of our Agent which, indeed, was taken under our instructions—(cheers)—and Lord Salisbury informed the French Ambassador more than once that in his judgment the British Government was absolutely right in the contention it maintained, and that it was impossible for us to recede from it. (Hear, hear.) With respect to the form of the matter, the statement of M. Delcasse is somewhat imperfect. He omits to mention that in November he was asked by Sir Edmund Monson whether there was any truth in the rumours of an acquisition of land on the litoral of Muscat, and he said that he had heard nothing whatever about it. He repeated the same statement a few day ago. It was, therefore, a case of action of the kind which Agents in excess of their instructions, he had received, and in such a case it is usual to bring the question to the knowledge of the Government concerned and secure its decision by diplomatic means, in order to avoid the publicity involved in a threat of bombardment. (A laugh.) While on this account Lord Salisbury as hesitated to the French ambassador, would have preferred a less public mode of action, it is clear that no blame attaches to our Agent on the spot, who was not in a position to distinguish between the responsibility of the French Agent and the Sultan of Muscat on the one side and that of the French Government on the other, and we hold his action in substance to have been absolutely right. (Cheers.) By the convention between France and England of 1862 there is nothing to prohibit France from having a coal store at Muscat itself, as Great Britain has stores within the terms of the convention, provided there is no concession of territory, and it is understood that the French Government will avail itself of this power subject to the above-named limitations.

DISEASE IN THE ARMY.

On March 9 Major Rasch asked the Secretary of State for India: Whether, in view of the facts stated in the Army Medical Report of 1897, that the number of admissions to hospital for venereal disease per 1,000 was 507, only three per cent, less than in 1896, and that the number invalided to England in 1897 was 963, an increase of 183 over the previous year, the Government will consider the advisability of permitting the Indian Government to take such measures as they may think fit for the detection of diseased persons of both sexes, and to detain such persons in hospital until cured; and, whether the Government has received any reports as to the effectiveness or otherwise of the new cantonment rules enforced in 1899.

Lord G. Hamilton: The statement quoted by my hon. and gallant friend relates to troops in cantonments only. Including those on field service, the admission rate for venereal disease was 485 per 1,000 in 1897, against 511 in 1896, a reduction of 26 per 1,000. The new cantonment rules were not brought into operation until towards the end of 1897, and could not be expected to have much effect in lowering the ratio for the whole year. No report has yet been received as to their effectiveness or otherwise: and until the results of their working have been ascertained I do not propose to take any further action. The returns for 1898, so far as they are known, are very encouraging and show a considerable further decrease.

LABOUR IMMIGRATION INTO ASSAM.

Mr. Schwann asked the Secretary of State for India: If he can lay upon the table of the House the Triennial Report on Labour Immigration into Assam, which should have appeared at the end of the year 1895, or thereabouts, and which was not produced when last asked for because it was said that the last Viceroy had not been able to consider it owing to the grave events in India, war and famine.

Lord G. Hamilton: On May 9 last I explained, in reply to a question from the hon. member, how the matter stood; the report in question was under home in March 1897, but the Government of India had not arrived at a conclusion in regard to certain changes of system recommended by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal. These recommendations are still under their consideration, but I learn from a despatch of February last that I may expect to receive their conclusions at an early date.

Mr. Gibson Bowles: I desire to ask the right hon. gentleman a supplemental question of which I have given him private notice—namely, whether in referring to this statement on behalf of her Majesty's Government he will include in his answer a reference to the statement made by Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords which somewhat differs from this, Lord Salisbury said that Sir Claude MacDonald was instructed to inform the Yamen that her Majesty's Government would support the Chinese Government in resisting (not "against") any Power which had committed an act of aggression on China because China had granted to a British subject permission to make or support any railway or public work. In Lord Salisbury's statement the word "similar" is left out.

Mr. Brodrick: There has been no modification of the undertaking announced in the House of Lords by Lord Salisbury and in the House of Commons by Mr. Curzon on Aug. 2, 1898, but it is not anticipated that any question regarding it will arise in respect to the Northern Railway extension.

MUSCAT.

Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on what part of the Muscat coast it was proposed to place the French coaling depot; whether the French Government had clearly renounced all territorial and political rights over the site where the depot was to be placed; and whether the Russian Government had also applied for a coaling depot on the Persian Gulf.

Mr. Brodrick: The site of the proposed French coaling depot has not yet been actually fixed, but the Sultan will be advised only to grant a depot at Muscat itself. The French Government have now accepted our view of the treaty of 1862 that to precludes either Government from accepting any cession or lease of Muscat territory, and in lieu of their former concession have agreed to accept a coal depot on exactly the same terms as our own. We have received no information to the effect stated in the third paragraph of the question.

Sir C Dilke asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether, if the Muscat incident was at an end, her Majesty's Government would at once lay upon the table the papers which explained it.

Mr Brodrick: Though the question is settled in principle the details are still under discussion and it would not be expedient at this stage to lay any papers on the subject.

Mr Labouchere asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether the concession which the Sultan of Muscat had granted to France in regard to a coaling depot included the right to fly the French flag on the depot and to fortify it; and what was the nature of the concession now granted.

Mr. Brodrick: A piece of land was granted in one of the coves dependent on Muscat as a mark of favour and respect to the French Government. There was no stipulation in the grant to preclude the hoisting of the French flag or the erection of fortifications. It is now proposed that the French Government shall have the use of a coal-shed in exactly the same manner as the British Government have and probably in the same place but there will be no lease or cession of any kind.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

THE CREWS IN TRAINING.

TWO FULL COURSE TRIALS.

Both the University crews were given some really hard work to do on March 9, and both did it in very satisfactory style indeed. In the morning the Cambridge men, with their own coxswain back in the boat, got afloat soon after eleven o'clock, and paddled at once down to Putney Bridge. Turning there they prepared for a long pull over the full course, and started in good style at 34 strokes to the minute. There was very little wind, but the flood-tide did not give them too much assistance, and what wind there was, was unfavourable, and gave them some choppy water to go through at the start. The mile post was reached in 4min. 32sec., and Hammersmith Bridge in 7min. 59sec. The boat travelled smoothly and well with less hang between the strokes than had been noticeable before; and the rate of striking that was adopted for the greater part of the journey—30 to the minute—seemed to suit the crew admirably. Chiswick Church was reached in 12min. 29sec., and before Barnes Bridge was reached—in 16min. 54sec.—the rate of striking had been raised to 32. In the last minute 36 strokes were rowed, and the spurt was a very fine one, the men keeping well together and the boat still travelling smoothly. The time at the winning post was 19min. 56sec—a remarkably good performance. The journey back to Putney was taken very quietly and after their severe exertions of the morning, the men were only given light work in the afternoon.

The Oxford crew exactly reversed this programme. In the morning their work only lasted about five and twenty minutes; but in the afternoon, at a quarter past two, they got afloat, and paddled up to Mortlake to row a full course down to Putney. Unlike their rivals, they had the wind behind them, and a fairly good ebb tide under them, so that they were expected to make much better time than the Cambridge men had done. Swinging round at the winning post the men got away at a stroke of 33 to the minute, and maintained this rate until Barnes Bridge was reached, in 2min. 45sec. The boat went well, and the stroke was pulled well through, but the time was far from perfect. The rate of striking was dropped to 30, but was increased again to 32 as Hammersmith was approached, and the Bridge was reached in 11 min. 40sec. At the mile post the time was 14min. 47sec.; and opposite the boat-houses Gold raised the stroke to 35 for a final spurt. At this rate, however, the rowing was very ragged, and compared very unfavourably with that shown by the Cambridge men at the end of their long row in the morning. Putney Bridge was reached in 19min. 35sec.—slower time than had been expected under the conditions that prevailed. The general impression conveyed by the day's work was that Oxford were not at their best, but that Cambridge had made a marked improvement.

The latest weights are:

OXFORD.

	st. lb.
R O Pitman, New, bow	10 9
2 C W Tompkinson, Balliol	11 10 1-2
3 A H Steel, Balliol	12 10
4 H Le G Heath, Balliol	12 10
5 C E Johnston, New	12 12 1-2
6 F W Warren, Balliol	12 11
7 A T Herbert, Balliol	12 9
H Gold Magdalen stroke	11 9 1-2
G S Macbean, Magd'n, cox	8 2 1-2

CAMBRIDGE.

	st. lb.
W H Chapman, Third Trin, bow	10 13 1-2
2 N L Calvert, Trinity Hall	11 11 3-4
3 C J D Goldie, Third Trin	12 1 3-4
4 J E Payne, Peter-house	12 8 1-2
5 R B Etherington-Smith, First Trinity	12 10 1-2
6 R H Sanderson, First Trin	12 10 1-2
7 W Dudley Ward, Third Trin	12 9
J H Gibbon, Third Trinity, stroke	11 2 1-4
G A Lloyd, Third Trin, cox	8 10

SIR EDWARD SASSOON VICTORY AT HYTHE.

The "Brighton Gazette" of March 4th gave its first leader to this event.—As we anticipated, numberless congratulations poured in upon Sir Edward Sassoon upon his victory at Hythe on Wednesday. The popular Conservative member's political and social connection with Brighton, his works of local philanthropy, and his public-spirited gifts to the town made his enterprising siege upon the Kentish constituency a matter of great interest to a wide circle of friends and admirers in this Borough, and the result was awaited with as much excitement here as though we were electing him as our representative. In political circles generally the contest was deemed one of the most important by-elections during the present Parliament, and it was not crowded out of notice on Thursday morning by the batch of sensational news about Rudyard Kipling, the illness of the Pope, the lamentable demise of Lord Herschell, and the Drawing Room. The Libesals had made up their minds that they were going to win the seat. It had been nursed by them for many years, the majority was not formidable, and it was thought that all the chances were in favour of inflicting the long desired blow upon the Government. What a cruel disappointment for Sir Henury Campbell-Bannerman's new "fighting" party, they little understood the character of Sir Edward Sassoon. To say he "spoke" of in connection with several constituencies, this was his first real fight. He was, in the political sense, a stranger to the constituency. He had not, as he had done in Brighton, delivered stirring and exceedingly well-reasoned speeches to district meetings, and the Liberals might well have made light of their foe. But he had not been in the constituency many days before he had endeared himself to almost every one with whom he came in contact by his charming manner his thorough acquaintance with political and social problems, his fine Imperialism, his knowledge of England's Empire, and his broad humanitarianism. Truth to tell, he captivated the constituency. His splendid success is a fitting illustration of how an electorate should be wooed and won.

Sir Edward Sassoon has done a great service to his party. Had the Liberals been able to transfer the seat, they would have made wild boasts of what they could do in the country even in the face of their own party troubles at Westminster. As it is, of course they are minimising the result. Rotherham fell away from the faith because, singularly enough, there had been an increase in the Tory vote. Hythe, which was once a Liberal stronghold, is now utterly abandoned, and is not worth looking after. Hythe, on the other hand, is quite satisfied with the choice, and flatters itself that it has got the genuine stamp of a man as a Parliamentary representative. During the contest, an attempt was made to introduce the Irish controversy, which is now raging all over the country with such melancholy results. We are not prepared to say whether this was a party move intended to prejudice Sir Edward Sassoon's position. It was not a happy thought, and we trust the futile effort made in his direction will rather discourage a repetition of these tactics in other constituencies. The good people of Hythe showed that they were not going to be put off the scent by dirty boggy, and we hope other electorates will decline to have ritualistic or doctrinal religious controversies imported into their political elections. Amid the chorus of congratulations with which Sir Edward Sassoon's victory has been hailed, none have forgotten the happy and dignified part played by Lady Sassoon during the canvass. In energy and skilful tactics she has been of the greatest assistance to her husband, and showed us the sort of stuff true wives are made of. It has been a memorable and interesting fight in which assuredly the best man won.

THE CHARGES AGAINST MR. HOOLEY.

The text is published of the supplementary report of Mr. Brougham, Official Receiver, to the Court on the subject of the charges against Mr. Hooley. The document is dated March 1st, and is that (says the Press Association) upon which the Treasury are now considering the question of a prosecution of the bankrupt:—

Among the findings are:—

That ledger No. 1, containing dealings and accounts of the bankrupt with certain persons, was destroyed in February 1898; that ledger No. 2, which contained the accounts of the Beeston Tyre deal, has been made away with; that Nos. 2 and 3 ledgers were altered to Nos. 1 and 2, apparently to hide the fact that No. 1 had been destroyed; and the cash-book was recopied and bound in the covers of the old cash-book, leaving out references to ledgers, and that a petty cash-book was destroyed, and also the diary for the year 1893.

The Official Receiver reports that certain counterfoils of cheques, namely, £2000 on Coutts and £5,000 and £15,000 on Nottingham Joint-Stock Bank, drawn and paid to Mr. Bradshaw, were, in or about April last, cut out by the bankrupt, or under his instructions, or that he was a party to the destruction thereof.

The Official Receiver also reports that the ledger containing a record of the Beeston Tyre share deal has also been made away with; that the bankrupt alleges that he knows nothing about the removal or destruction of the same, but from inquiries which have been made it appears that the bankrupt's clerk (Mr. Coles) took the books from the Nottingham offices to London on the bankrupt's instructions, about the end of January 1898, for the purpose of an arbitration which was in progress with reference to the case of Mr. Emerson Balebridge; that shortly afterwards, under the instructions of the bankrupt, he took two of the ledgers, numbered 2 and 3 respectively, back to Nottingham, and had the numbers thereof altered to No. 1 and 2 respectively, and the original No. 1 has been missing since. It was left in London in the custody of the bankrupt in February 1898. That on or about the 2nd of April 1898 the ledger, which was altered from number 2 to number 1, and which contained the accounts of the Beeston Tyre share deal, was under the bankrupt's instructions made up in a parcel by him (Mr. Coles), and was taken to Risley by the bankrupt, and the same has also since been missing.

THE DREYFUS SCANDAL.

AN ASTOUNDING CONFESSION.

The "Daily News" Paris correspondent, writing on Monday, March 6th, says:—Pastor Vienot, a French Protestant missionary in Oceana, was in France on a visit a couple of months ago, and was granted an audience of President Faure. They talked of Dreyfus. The President said he belived him to be innocent. The pastor was so astounded that he did not know for the time what to say—astounded that the President of the Republic should have never interfered, even privately. "It would be hard now," said President Faure, "to release Dreyfus from Devil's Island. His deliverance would cause the ruin of so many important persons."

I will add a conjecture to the above. When death came swooping down on the President he was lost, and said so. Nor did he hide that his conscience was ill at ease. At an early stage of the attack he begged that a priest should be sent for and then, as if to cleanse his conscience he asked forgiveness of all whom he might have trespassed against. Was the conversation with the Pastor in his mind when he made this act of final repentance?

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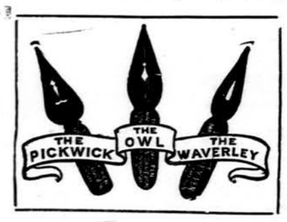

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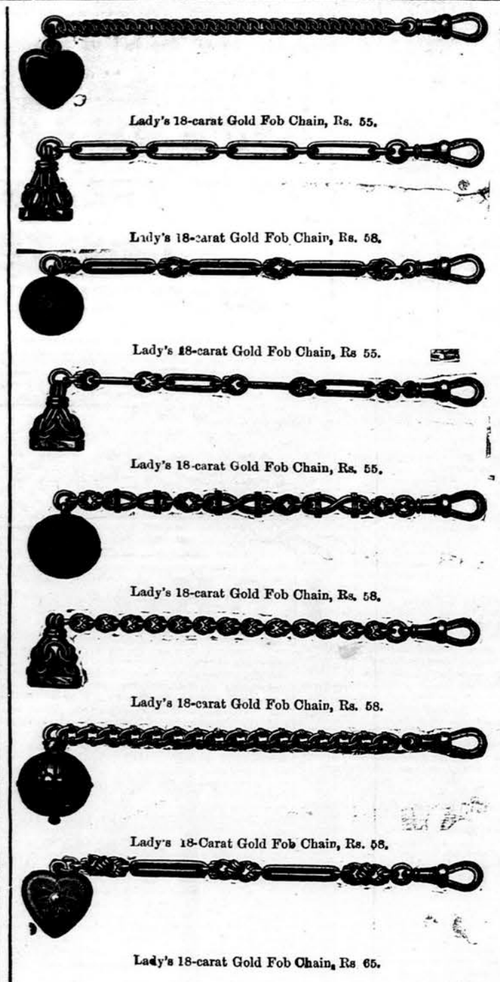

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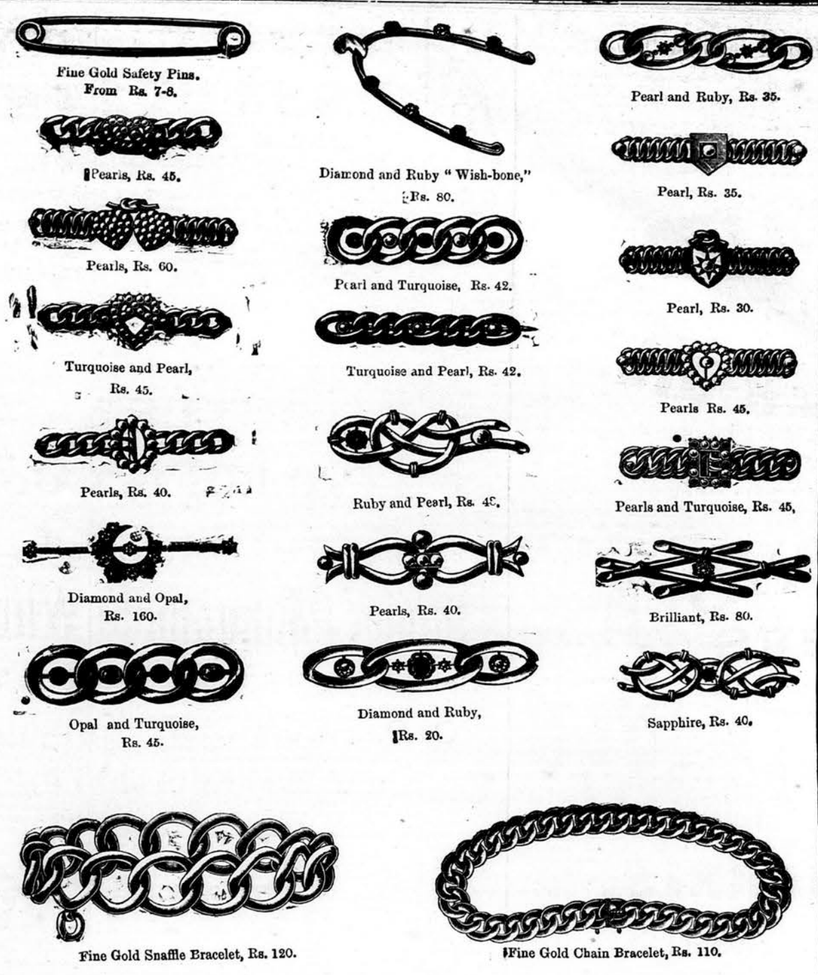

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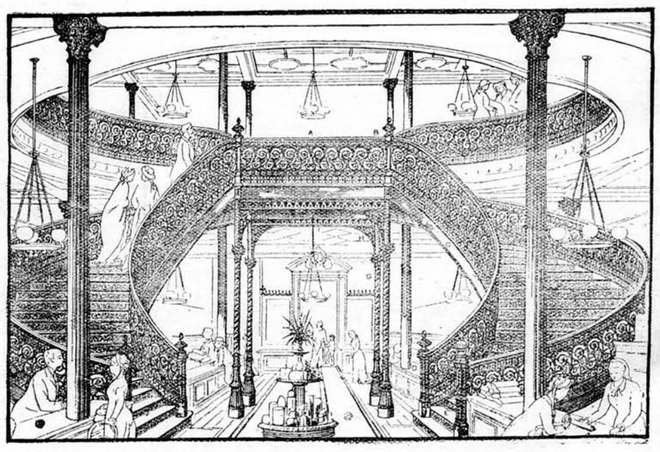

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